



FILE - In this Oct. 1, 2010 file photo, a Happy Meal box and toy are shown outside of a McDonald's restaurant in San Francisco. City lawmakers on Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010, approved legislation that they hope will force fast-food chains such as McDonald's to make their children's meals healthier or stop selling them with toys.

(AP Photo/Jeff Chiu, File)

San Francisco to ban toys in some fast food kids meals

By TREVOR HUNNICUTT,
For The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — San Francisco is poised to become the first major American city to prohibit fast food restaurants from including toys with children's meals that don't meet nutritional guidelines.

The measure passed on a preliminary vote by the city's Board of Supervisors last week. It's likely to win final passage Tuesday with enough votes to survive an expected veto by Mayor Gavin Newsom.

The ordinance, which would go into effect in December of next year, prohibits toy giveaways in fast food children's meals that have 640 milligrams of sodium, 600 calories or 35 percent of their calories from fat. The law also would limit saturated fats and trans fats and require fruits or vegetables to be served with each meal with a toy. □



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U.S. President Barack Obama shakes hands with Indonesia's President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono alongside first ladies Michelle Obama (L) and Kristiani Herawati at an arrival ceremony at Istana Merdeka in Jakarta, November 9, 2010

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2 lawsuits challenge US Defense of Marriage Act



NEW YORK – Gay civil rights groups trying to build momentum for a possible Supreme Court showdown filed two lawsuits Tuesday that seek to strike down portions of a 1996 law that denies married gay couples federal benefits. The lawsuits were filed in federal courts in Connecticut and New York and come just months after a federal judge in Boston struck down a key component of the federal Defense of Marriage Act. The legal actions seek judicial declarations that the law

enacted by Congress in 1996, when it appeared Hawaii would soon legalize same-sex marriage, was unconstitutional because it prevents the federal government from affording pension and other benefits to same-sex couples. Since 2004, five states Connecticut, Iowa, New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts and the District of Columbia have legalized gay marriage. In Hartford, Conn., the Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders sued the federal government on behalf of

a Connecticut widower and married couples from Connecticut, Vermont and New Hampshire. The other lawsuit was filed on behalf of a New York woman, Edith Schlain Windsor, who met her late spouse, Thea Clara Spyer, nearly a half century ago at a restaurant.

“No one should have to fight with the government after losing the person she’s loved for more than four decades,” said Donna Lieberman, executive director of the New York Civil Liberties Union. “Edie and Thea made the same lifelong commitment that other married couples make, and their marriage deserves the same dignity, respect and protection afforded other families.”

Mary Bonauto, an attorney with Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders, said the Connecticut lawsuit was filed to maintain the momentum the group gained with the success of its challenge against the law

in Massachusetts.

In July, U.S. District Judge Joseph Tauro in Boston ruled in two separate lawsuits that the Defense of Marriage Act forces the state to discriminate against its own citizens to qualify for federal funding. He also said it violates the Constitution’s equal protection clause. The Justice Department said in a statement that it had no response to the lawsuits, except that the government “is defending the statute, as it traditionally does when acts of Congress are challenged.”

The department said that, as a policy matter, President Obama has made clear that he believes the law is “discriminatory and should be repealed” and was working with Congress to do so.

The filing of multiple lawsuits will likely result in rulings in different federal court districts. That could increase the likelihood that the Supreme Court will eventually consider the issue.

Also, as the various lawsuits proceed, rulings by higher courts would affect wider areas. For instance, the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston covers includes Rhode Island, Maine and New Hampshire.

One of the Connecticut litigants, Jerry Passaro, 45, of Milford, was denied survivor benefits after his husband, Tom Buckholz, died of lymphoma. “It’s very hurtful,” Passaro said. “Tommy and I were a team for so many years and to have that false sense of security that you are getting married and will have the same entitlements that everyone else has, it’s very, very unhealthy.” Raquel Ardin, of North Hartland, Vt., said she felt like she and her wife, Lynda DeForge, 54, were being treated like second-class citizens when DeForge was denied time off from the U.S. Postal Service under the Family and Medical Leave Act to take care of Ardin. □



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Nearly 4,500 stranded on cruise ship off Mexico

By JULIE WATSON,
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Navy helicopters shuttled in supplies Tuesday to 4,500 passengers and crew members expected to remain stranded on a disabled cruise ship off the coast of Mexico at least through Wednesday night. Mexican seagoing tugboats were expected to reach the Carnival Splendor on Tuesday afternoon to begin the slow process of towing it to the Mexican port of Ensenada. Passengers will be bused back to California from there. The ship, which left from Long Beach on Sunday, was 200 miles south of San Diego when an engine room fire cut its power early Monday, according to a statement from Miami-based Carnival Cruise Lines. It began drifting off the coast of northern Baja California.

Monty Mathisen, of the New York-based trade publication Cruise Industries, called the fire a freak accident.

"This stuff does not happen, I mean once in a blue moon," he said. "The ships have to be safe, if not the market will collapse."

The last major accident on a cruise ship was when one sank in a Greek harbor in 2007 after hitting rocks. No one was hurt.

The 3,299 passengers and 1,167 crew members aboard the Splendor were not hurt either and the fire was put out, but the 952-foot Mexican Riviera-bound ship had no air conditioning, hot water or telephone service. It was also out of cell phone range, preventing families from communicating with their loved ones.

After the fire, passengers were first asked to move from their cabins to the ship's upper deck, but eventually allowed to go back to their rooms.

Bottled water and cold food were provided, and the ship's auxiliary power allowed for toilets and cold running water. On Tuesday, U.S. sailors loaded cargo planes with boxes of crab meat, croissants and other items for the stranded passengers. They were to be ferried to an aircraft carrier at sea, where

helicopters will pick them up and drop them on the ship.

The tugboats were expected to arrive back at the port with the ship around 8 p.m. PST Wednesday, Coast Guard Petty Officer Kevin Metcalf said. Metcalf said the tugs, which will be escorted by a Coast Guard cutter, must move slowly because the ship is so big.

From Ensenada, passengers will be driven 50 miles by bus to the California border, said Joyce Oliva, a Carnival spokeswoman, who added that she was unaware of any safety concerns from passengers or their families about traveling by land in Mexico.

Ensenada Port Capt. Carlos Carrillo said some bus companies that normally work with cruise ships docked in Ensenada already take passengers to the border.

"I don't think it will be much trouble to get the passengers to the border," he said.

Carnival Corp.'s stock was down about 1 percent Tuesday.

Mathisen commended the cruise line for its handling of the situation, saying officials responded quickly and were providing information.

But he said the accident deals another blow to the industry, which already has been hurting from a drop in trips to Mexico because of the country's drug violence.

It also will be costly for Carnival, which is refunding passengers, offering vouchers for future cruises and may have to dry dock the ship if the damage is extensive.

Toni Sweet of San Pedro, Calif., was watching TV when she saw a news report about the stranded ship and realized her cousin Vicky Alvarez and her cousin's husband, Fernando, were on board.

She had dropped the Las Vegas couple off at the dock in Long Beach for the cruise, their first break after caring for their aging parents. She



FILE - In this July 10, 2008 file photo released by Carnival Cruise Lines, Carnival Splendor arrives in Dover, England. Tugboats are headed out to sea Tuesday Nov. 9, 2010 to tow in the 952-foot cruise ship Carnival Splendor that lost power off California after an engine room fire. The ship, with 4,500 passengers and crew members on a seven-day cruise to the Mexican Riviera, is about 55 miles off the northern Baja coast and tugboats will take it to the Mexican port of Ensenada. The fire started Monday while the ship was about 150 miles south of San Diego.

(AP Photo/Carnival Cruise Lines, Andy Newman, File)

said Vicky was nervous about the trip, but Sweet reassured her everything would be fine. She has not heard from them since the fire.

"It's their first cruise and they were real anxious. I don't think they're going to take another," she said. "Here you want them to have a good time and then this happened."

Once passengers are dropped off, the Splendor will be towed back to Long Beach, Calif., a journey that will take days. That's why the passengers will be dropped off in Mexico first.

"We know this has been an extremely trying situation for our guests and we sincerely thank them for their patience," Carnival President and CEO Gerry Cahill said in the statement. "Conditions on board the ship are very challenging and we sincerely apologize for the discomfort and inconvenience our guests are currently enduring." □

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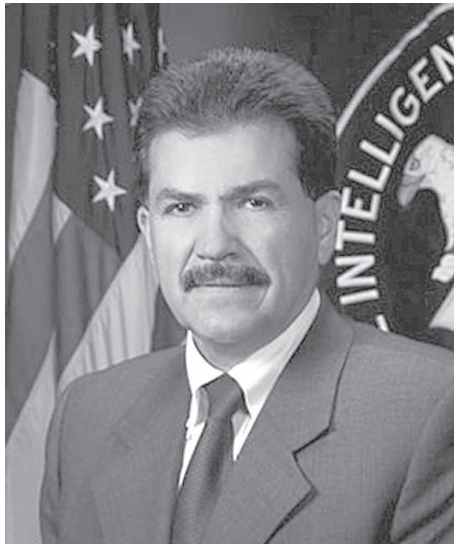
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No charges for destroying CIA interrogation videos



This undated handout photo provided by the CIA shows Jose Rodriguez. Rodriguez, the CIA's former top clandestine officer and others won't be charged in the destruction of CIA videotapes of interrogations of suspected terrorists, the Justice Department announced Tuesday.

(AP Photo/CIA)

By PETE YOST,
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A special prosecutor cleared the CIA's former top clandestine officer and others Tuesday of any charges for destroying agency videotapes showing waterboarding of terror suspects, but he continued an investigation into whether the harsh questioning went beyond legal boundaries.

The decision not to prosecute anyone in the videotape destruction came five years to the day after the CIA destroyed its cache of 92 videos

of two al-Qaida operatives, Abu Zubaydah and Abd al-Nashiri, being subjected to waterboarding, a form of simulated drowning. The deadline for prosecuting someone under most federal laws is five years.

The part of the nearly 3-year-old criminal investigation that examines whether U.S. interrogators went beyond the legal guidance given them on the rough treatment of suspects will continue, a Justice Department official said. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because that part of the probe is still under way.

Jose Rodriguez, who was the CIA's top clandestine officer when the tapes were destroyed, worried that the videos would be devastating to the agency if they ever surfaced and approved their destruction. Rodriguez's order was at odds with years of directives from CIA lawyers and the White House.

Rodriguez' lawyer, Robert Bennett, said the department made "the right decision because of the facts and the law" and called his client "a true patriot who only wanted to protect his people and his country."

In January 2008, President George W. Bush's last attorney general, Michael Mukasey, appointed Assistant U.S. Attorney John Durham a special prosecutor to investigate the videotape destruction. Later, President Barack Obama's attorney general, Eric Holder, added the inquiry into the conduct of the harsh questioning.

A team of prosecutors and FBI agents

led by Durham has conducted an exhaustive investigation into the matter, said Matthew Miller, chief Justice Department spokesman.

"As a result of that investigation, Mr. Durham has concluded that he will not pursue criminal charges for the destruction of the interrogation videotapes," Miller said.

The department's carefully phrased announcement did not rule out the possibility of charging someone with lying to investigators looking into the tape destruction.

CIA officers began the videotaping to show that Zubaydah was brought to a secret CIA prison in Thailand already wounded from a firefight and to prove that interrogators followed broad rules Washington had laid out.

Almost as soon as taping began, top officials at agency headquarters in Langley, Va., began discussing whether to destroy the tapes, according to current and former U.S. officials and others close to the investigation.

Dozens of CIA officers and contractors cycled in and out of Thailand to help with the questioning. If those videos ever surfaced, officials feared, nearly all those people could be identified.

During the investigation, agency lawyers were forced to turn over long lists of documents, including classified cables from around the world. Former CIA Director Porter Goss was summoned before a grand jury, as were the agency's former top lawyer, John Rizzo, and its current station chief in

London.

Despite standing orders from the Bush White House not to destroy the tapes without checking with administration officials, momentum for their destruction grew in late 2005 as the CIA Thailand station chief, Mike Winograd, prepared to retire, the current and former U.S. officials have said.

Winograd had the tapes in his safe and believed they should be destroyed, officials said.

On Nov. 4, 2005, as the CIA scrambled to quell a controversy from a Washington Post story revealing the existence of secret CIA prisons overseas, Rodriguez called two CIA lawyers. He asked Steven Hermes, his lawyer in the clandestine service, whether he had the authority to order the tapes destroyed. Hermes said Rodriguez did, according to documents and interviews.

Then Rodriguez asked Robert Eater, the top lawyer in the CIA's Counterterrorism Center, whether there was any legal requirement that the tapes be kept. Eater said no.

Eater and Hermes have told colleagues that they believed Rodriguez was merely teeing up a new round of discussions about the tapes and, because of previous orders not to destroy the tapes without White House approval, they were unaware that Rodriguez planned to move immediately, officials told The Associated Press. □

NY defense: Gitmo detainee a 'dupe' in bomb plot

By TOM HAYS,
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The first Guantanamo detainee to face a civilian trial was duped into doing dirty work for al-Qaida operatives who attacked two U.S. embassies in Africa in 1998, his attorney said Tuesday in closing arguments. "Call him a fall guy. Call him a pawn. Call him 'set up like a bowling pin,' in the immortal words of Jerry Garcia," lawyer Peter Quijano told a jury in federal court in Manhattan. "But don't call him guilty."

Prosecutors allege Ahmed Ghailani bought a truck and explosive components used in deadly blasts in Tanzania and Kenya that killed 224 people, including a dozen Americans. But Quijano argued that the

government had failed to prove his "naive" client was in on the terror plot.

"Ahmed did not know the object of the conspiracy," he said.

Quijano, in a three-hour argument, urged jurors not to be swayed by fear or hatred of al-Qaida or Osama bin Laden. Prosecutors had repeatedly cited the terror group and its leader while presenting their case.

"Al-Qaida cannot be used to inflame your passion and desire for retribution and revenge at the expense of Ahmed Ghailani ... because to do so would be allowing al-Qaida to win," he said.

At trial, witnesses described how the 36-year-old Ghailani bought gas tanks used in the

truck bomb with cash supplied by the terror group, how the FBI found a blasting cap stashed in his room at a cell hideout in Tanzania and how he lied to family members to conceal his involvement.

The day before the nearly simultaneous attacks on the embassies on Aug. 7, 1998, prosecutors say Ghailani boarded a one-way flight to Pakistan under an alias with senior al-Qaida members. While on the run, he spent time in Afghanistan as a cook and bodyguard for bin Laden and later as a document forger for al-Qaida, authorities say.

He was captured in 2004 in Pakistan and held by the CIA at a secret overseas camp before being transferred to Guantanamo in 2006.



A member of the US military mans one of the guard posts at sunrise at Camp Delta, part of the US Detention Center in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in March 2010. The lawyer of a Saudi Guantanamo detainee who claims he was held and tortured at a purported US "black site" in Poland said Tuesday he had given Polish prosecutors a list of names of people involved.

Quijano argued on Tuesday that the investigation in Africa was too chaotic to produce reliable evidence. He said local authorities and the FBI "trampled all over" unsecured crime scenes during searches in Tanzania.

An army of agents failed to turn up any forensic evidence

— like fingerprints on the blasting cap — that would conclusively "link my client to these monsters," he said.

In a rebuttal argument Tuesday afternoon, Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Farbiarz dismissed the "dupe theory" as "illogical." □

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At home in Indonesia, Obama reaches out to Muslims

By BEN FELLER,

AP White House Correspondent

JAKARTA, Indonesia – From the most Muslim nation on earth, President Barack Obama is reaching out to the Islamic world, declaring that efforts to build trust and peace are showing promise but are still clearly “incomplete.”

Obama on Wednesday will deliver one of the most personal and potentially consequential speeches of his presidency, reflecting on his own years of upbringing in Indonesia and giving an update on America’s “new beginning” with Muslims that he promised last year in Cairo.

At the same time, the path to lasting peace in the Middle East was hardly looking smoother. A reminder of that difficult road was waiting for Obama when he landed here Tuesday on a steamy afternoon in southeast Asia. Israel’s decision to build more apartments in east Jerusalem, a disputed territory claimed by Palestinians, had already earned a rebuke from American diplomats before a tired, traveling president weighed in himself.

“This kind of activity is never helpful when it come to peace negotiations,” Obama said when questioned at a news conference alongside Indonesia’s president, Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono. “I’m concerned that we’re not seeing each side make the extra effort involved to get a breakthrough. ... Each of these incremental steps can end up breaking down trust.” Heavily invested and eager

for Mideast stability, Obama insisted: “We’re going to keep on working on it.”

Obama’s criticism came during a cherished, fleeting and twice-delayed homecoming in Indonesia. He canceled plans to come earlier this year because of domestic troubles, and now he’s dodging a big cloud of volcanic ash.

India’s most volatile volcano, Mount Merapi, has erupted with deadly force for days. The White House determined Air Force One could fly in as scheduled to Jakarta but that Obama should shorten his stay given the flow of airborne ash. That meant Obama would be in Indonesia for just 19 hours, still long enough to visit a famous mosque and deliver his speech.

The president, who is Christian, is eager to hold up Indonesia as a model: an overwhelmingly Muslim nation where other religions are respected freely and an evolving democracy is gaining strength despite a legacy of corruption.

He will revisit themes of his famous 2009 Cairo speech, one in which he called for mutual respect: from the United States for Muslims in a post-Sept. 11 world, and also from Muslims for the United States for its diversity and compassion. That speech also essentially set up an Obama scorecard on Iraq, Iran and efforts to combat Islamic extremists.

Obama is also giving substantial attention to the new partnerships his government has reached with

Indonesia’s. And he is talking freely about his time here, from age 6 to 10, when he was running around as a boy named Barry.

The personal touches began coming out as Obama, looking weary on his fourth day in Asia, reflected Tuesday on how Jakarta has changed since he lived here. His only real look came during a couple of motorcade rides.

“I feel great affection for the people here,” Obama said. “And obviously I have a sister who’s half Indonesian. My mother lived and worked here for a long time. And so the sights and the sounds and the memories all feel very familiar.”

The president drew smiles from the gathered dignitaries by speaking a little Indonesian at times.

“We have been waiting for so long,” said Yudhoyono to Obama at a press event shoved inside by rain.

The two presidents touted a deal that will have both countries cooperating on energy, education, the environment and many other subjects. More broadly, Indonesia offers the United States one more strategic, democratic voice in a continent of emerging powers and lucrative markets, while U.S. support can help Indonesia’s own economy and regional security.

Both leaders pushed back on the thesis that Obama’s efforts aim, at least in part, to counter China’s rise. Obama insisted he wanted China to grow and prosper, and he said that “we’re not



U.S. President Barack Obama enters a room with Indonesia’s President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono following an arrival ceremony at Istana Merdeka in Jakarta, November 9, 2010.

interested in containing that process.” Yudhoyono said he didn’t think of one power counterbalancing another, but he added that there must be an “equilibrium” in the region.

Obama also pointedly noted that the global economy is out of whack, saying, “We have seen some countries run up very big surpluses and intervening significantly in the currency markets to maintain their advantage.” The U.S. contends China’s undervalued currency gives Beijing an unfair trade boost in the selling of its goods.

The president’s stop in Indonesia came after he spent three days in India — the most attention any foreign country has received from him. Obama leaves Wednesday night for global economic meetings in South Korea, and then more in Japan.

Obama credited his own outreach effort as he described the joint efforts of the United

States and Indonesia, saying they were “direct results of my call in Cairo for a new beginning between the United States and Muslim communities.”

Overall, he said progress has been mixed.

“Or efforts have been earnest, sustained,” he said. “We don’t expect that we are going to completely eliminate some of the misunderstandings and mistrust that have developed ... but we do think that we’re on the right path.”

Indonesians all over this country of more than 17,000 islands gathered around television sets in their houses, coffee shops and office buildings as Obama’s plane touched down. He was to deliver his speech at the University of Indonesia to an indoor crowd of about 6,000 people. An outdoor event was ruled out by concern over weather and the expected overwhelming crowd. □



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NH teen gets life sentence for machete attack

By LYNNE TUOHY,
Associated Press

NASHUA, N.H. — A teenager accused of killing a mother and wounding her daughter with a machete during a home invasion was convicted Tuesday of murder and other charges and was sentenced to life in prison.

A judge handed down the maximum sentence against 19-year-old Steven Spader, saying she could go on for days about the depths of his depravity.

The sentence ensures “you will stay in that cage for the rest of your pointless life,” Judge Gillian Abramson told Spader.

Spader was the first person to go on trial in the October 2009 attacks that left Kimberly Cates dead and her 11-year-old daughter, Jaimie, gravely wounded.

Jurors deliberated for about

90 minutes before returning their verdicts against Spader, of Brookline.

Under New Hampshire law, the first-degree murder conviction carries an automatic sentence of life without parole. Spader also was convicted of attempted murder and other felonies.

Spader, whose birthday is Tuesday, showed no reaction to the verdicts. As the jurors were being polled individually on each of their six guilty verdicts, several glared at Spader and responded emphatically.

Spader’s mother, Christine Spader, wept briefly; his father was stoic.

Prosecutors say Spader wielded a machete and co-defendant Christopher Gribble used a knife during the attacks in the Cates’ Mont Vernon home.

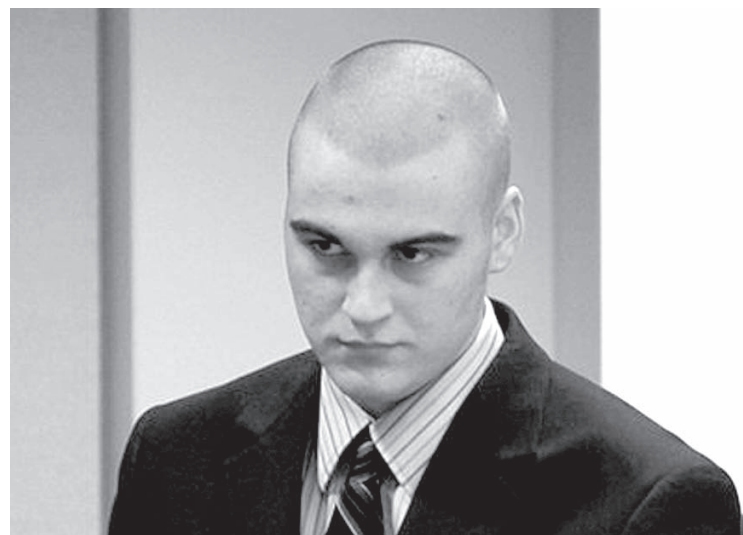
Jaimie, now 12, survived by

pretending to be dead, then staggered, covered in blood, to a kitchen phone to call police. A doctor testified she would have died of a punctured lung if she had lost consciousness before summoning help.

Blows that cut off portions of Jaimie’s left foot, split open her head and struck her face with enough force to break her jaw had to have come from a heavy and sharp weapon such as a machete, several doctors testified.

During the trial, defense attorney Jonathan Cohen assailed the credibility of three co-defendants who brokered plea deals and testified against Spader. He suggested they, not Spader, were involved in the attacks.

The jury found Spader guilty of both premeditated murder and intentional murder during the commission of a burglary. It also found him guilty of



Steven Spader arrives in the courtroom for closing arguments in his trial Monday, Nov. 8, 2010 in Hillsborough County Superior Court in Nashua, N.H. Spader is on trial for his role the murder of Kimberly Cates and attack on her daughter Jaimie in October of 2009.

(AP Photo/Don Himsel, Pool)

attempted murder, conspiracy to commit both murder and burglary, and tampering with a witness.

Mont Vernon police Chief Kyle Aspinwall, who was present for much of the 11-day

trial, said he was satisfied with the verdicts.

“It’s been extraordinarily difficult for the town,” Aspinwall said.

Gribble is set to go on trial in February. □



FILE - In this Feb. 16, 2008 file photo, David Tarloff, 39, charged with murdering a New York City therapist with a meat cleaver in 2008, is walked out of the 19th Precinct in New York. The long-in-limbo murder trial of Tarloff was poised to start last month until new questions arose about his mental fitness. Now a court may decide Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010 whether Tarloff can stand trial now or needs more treatment before he’s stable enough — if ever.

(AP Photo/Andy Kropa, File)

Man ruled unfit for trial in NYC therapist slaying

By JENNIFER PELTZ,
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A schizophrenic accused of murdering a psychotherapist with a meat cleaver was ruled mentally unfit Tuesday for trial, indefinitely delaying a trial that came close to starting but has long been rocked by uncertainty about his mental state.

The decision means David Tarloff will be sent to a state hospital for treatment until doctors find he has improved enough to stand trial — if they ever do. He has varied between findings of fitness and incompetence since his 2008 arrest in Kathryn Faughey’s death in her Manhattan office.

The ruling came after two psychiatrists found Tarloff incompetent for trial, and a prosecutor said he refused to cooperate with a third exam, leaving that doctor unable to reach a conclusion about his fitness and prosecutors unable to challenge it.

“Consequently, I have to commit Mr. Tarloff,” state Supreme Court Justice Edward McLaughlin said. “There is

little doubt that ... Mr. Tarloff has had documentable periods of unfitness.”

Tarloff, 42, is accused of killing Faughey as part of a peculiar robbery plot targeting her office mate. Tarloff has planned an insanity defense, which involves different standards than mental competence for trial.

Given to delusions that he’s the Messiah and that God and the devil speak to him, Tarloff has a long history of psychiatric hospitalizations, his lawyer and psychiatrists have said.

He told police he went to Faughey’s office to rob the psychiatrist who shared it, Dr. Kent Shinbach. He’d been involved in Tarloff’s first hospitalization — 17 years before.

Tarloff’s goal was to get \$50,000 from Shinbach to whisk his mother out of a nursing home and take her to Hawaii, he said in a video-recorded statement.

He encountered Faughey first and believed she was going to kill him, he told authorities.

Faughey was slashed 15 times, and Shinbach was seriously hurt trying to

help her, authorities said. The attacker fled; investigators ultimately matched Tarloff’s palm prints with some found on a suitcase — filled with women’s clothing and adult diapers — left in the building. He was deemed mentally incompetent for trial for about a year after his arrest, but doctors said last year that his condition had improved.

Being competent for trial means being able to understand court proceedings and help in one’s defense. It doesn’t rule out an insanity defense, which requires showing that a person was so mentally ill when committing a crime that he or she didn’t know it was wrong.

Jury selection was nearly finished last month when Tarloff refused to leave a courthouse holding cell or respond to questions, his lawyers said. After being taken back to Bellevue Hospital, he stripped naked and ran around a psychiatric ward, according to his lawyer. Two court-system psychiatrists found Tarloff mentally unfit to proceed, and then prosecutors had another expert evaluate him. □



The right you are willing to fight for

By: Roland W. Peterson

You only have rights you are willing to fight for

Do we have a right to protect our home?
Will we fight to protect our "house?"
Or will we fight for the "right" to protect our home?

Do we have the right to carry arms?
Will we fight to protect the gun?
Or will we fight for the right to carry a gun?

Do we have the right and Liberty to walk every public street in Aruba?
Will we fight to protect a certain street,
or will we fight for the right of liberty to walk in every public street?
When we complain about the soliciting of women in a certain street or the molestation of "choler's" (the homeless) in the street
are we complaining about the soliciting and the "choler"
or are we complaining about the lack of enforcement?

There is an essential difference
Do we know what we want?
Is the soliciting or the "choler" setting bounds to (restricting) our liberty?
Or is the lack of enforcement not guaranteeing our liberty?

Are we willing to fight for this Liberty?
Or are we willing to protest that there is not sufficient enforcement?

To preserve liberty it is essential that we the people understand and know what we want

"We" the people are the voice of God and "we" should decide, otherwise it is going to be "we we we we we", said the little pig as it was led to the slaughter house.



Riverplate and Caravel draw in Aruba Honor Division soccer

DAKOTA - The western Oranjestad team of Riverplate and Caravel, one of the several teams originating from the countryside near Sta. Cruz, played a 0 – 0 draw Sunday afternoon, November 7, 2010, in the Guillermo Prospero Trinidad Stadium in Dakota near downtown Oranjestad. The match for the ongoing Aruba Amateur Honor Division 2010-2011 championship was played under dribbling overcast skies. Shine or rain, the game must go on!

(Photo by Anthony Carlo).

R.E. Yrausquin & Sons host launch party for Ford Edge 2011

PALM BEACH – The new Ford Edge 2011 was presented at a cocktail party at the Grand Caribbean Ballroom, Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa. The new car certainly got noticed, thanks to its bold front grille, fluid shape and smooth aerodynamic lines.

The Yrausquin family members and the Ford regional representative who were on hand to talk about the car's special features pointed out the stylish interior design, the panoramic vista roof, and interior ambient light, besides the wheel selection, and the car's sport performance on the road.

Ford Edge is equipped with industry first MyFord Touch presenting a fully integrates phone, entertainment, navigation and climate controls.

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Power Equipment Extravaganza at WEMA PONTON

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“4smoKINGS” wins trip to go to Memphis, Tennessee to represent Aruba’s Best Ribs



a trip for four to compete in Memphis, Tennessee. The Group “4smoKings”, who are double-talented as they have somehow found the perfect recipe for the best ribs and also how to mix Presidente Beer and Dominoes to create a musical melody. Lucky for them, they didn’t enter a battle of the bands competition. “4smoKings” have a secret recipe that they marinated their meats in and it includes tangy spices, fruits, herbs



PONTON – Last Sunday afternoon, WEMA Ponton held a BBQ competition in combination with their bi-annual Power Equipment Extravaganza. The event was a great success with lots of great food, great fun and fantastic music by Grupo di Betico. Several teams of four participated in the 1st Annual WEMA BBQ competition in hopes to win



and something special from the most famous smoker on the island “King Ribs”. They wore uniform smokin tees and on the back it said “We do it low and slow”. Second runner up taking the “Delicious, but not Memphis” prize was the team from Viking Freight who grilled and smoked with the best of them A special thanks goes to Karel Wever for kick

starting this fantastic BBQ Cook Off Event. The Power Equipment Extravaganza was supported by “Black & Decker” - “Bosch” - “DeWalt” - “Mintcraft” - “Dremel” - “Vulcan” - “Makita” - “Milwaukee” - “Porter Cable” - “Roto-Zip” - “Skil” - “Scotch Gulf Lumber” - “Rockwell” - Valspar and WEB NV.



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Continued from Page A7 The culinary team of the Also on display in the Grand Radisson offered delicious butler-passed hors d'oeuvres and cocktails to complement the festivities. □



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Change of the CPI over the last 12 months

Central Bureau of Statistics compares CPI

ORANJESTAD - The Consumer Price Index "CPI" for October 2010 is 113.89, a decrease of 0.51% compared to the index of September 2010 (114.47) and accumulating a decline of 1.13% up to and including October of this year.

The percentage change of the CPI over the last 12 months (October 2009 to October 2010) is -0.59, an increase of 2.67 percentage points (ppts) compared to the percentage change for the same period of last year (-3.26).

The period average percentage change of the CPI for the period October 2009 - October 2010 is 2.89, an increase of 5.51 ppts compared to the period average percentage change over the period October 2008 - October 2009 (-2.62).

During this month, eight of the twelve sectors registered decreases in prices. The decrease which had the greatest influence on the CPI was registered for the "Housing" (-1.76%) sector, causing an effect of -0.52 ppts. The decreases in the remaining sectors had a total effect of -0.04 ppts on the CPI of October 2010.

Aforementioned decreases were partially offset by increases in the indices for the "Recreation and culture" (0.45%) and "Food and non-alcoholic beverages" (0.12%) sectors, with an influence of respectively 0.04 and 0.02 ppts. The increases in the remaining sectors had a total effect of 0.01 ppt on the CPI of October 2010.

The decrease in the "Housing" sector was due to decreases in the categories "Water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling" (-4.57%) and "Electricity, gas and other fuels" (-3.04%), which contributed to an effect of respectively -0.28 and -0.29 ppts.

The increase in the "Recreation and culture" sector was mainly due to a rise of 6.58% in the category "Holidays", which contributed to an effect of 0.04 ppts. The increase in the "Food and non-alcoholic beverages" sector was mainly due to an increase in the category "Food" (0.12%), contributing with an effect of 0.01 ppt.

The consumption basket of the CPI consists of 452 goods and services. Compared to September 2010, 35.0% of these products had an increase in price, while 32.5% showed a decrease and the remaining 32.5% had no change in price. The prices of goods decreased by 0.92% and caused an influence of -0.60 ppts. The prices of services show an increase of 0.27% and had an influence of 0.09 ppts.

The CPIC (core inflation) - CPI excluding the effect energy and food - registered in October 2010 an increase of 0.23%, which is 2.80 ppts lower compared to the percentage change for the same period of last year (3.03%). The energy index - which consists of the products: electricity, water, gasoline and diesel - registered an increase of 17.37%, which is 41.18 ppts higher compared to the percentage change for the same period of last year (-23.81%). The food index shows a decrease of 3.05%, which is 10.41 ppts lower compared to the percentage change for the same period of last year (7.36%).

Loyal friends honored at the Renaissance Ocean Suites



ORANJESTAD - Recently at the Renaissance Ocean Suites vacationers were presented with honorary titles created by the Ministry of Tourism as a

token of appreciation to guest visiting Aruba for ten and 20 consecutive years. Special friends of Aruba, enjoying ten or more annual vacations here,

are given the Distinguished Guest certificate and those with twenty consecutive years are awarded the Ambassador of Goodwill title. The recent honorings were effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority Associate Ricardo Croes at the Renaissance Ocean Suites, where they call their home away from home. The following guest were honored as Ambassadors of Goodwill after visiting Aruba for more then 20 years: Louise Mason, Rose Marie & Victor Spinelli, Anthony & Margaret Mondi, Joseph & Roberta Marocco and also Robert & Diane Smith.

Pictured: ATA Rep. Ricardo Croes together with honorees and also Tino & Linda at The Renaissance Ocean Suites.



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Prices of utilities down in October 2010



ORANJESTAD - The prices of utilities (electricity and water), gasoline and diesel are for the greater part determined by international crude oil prices. In October 2010 the average price of crude oil per barrel (US\$ 79.32) increased by US\$ 4.54 (6.07%) compared to September 2010 (US\$ 74.78). Fuel surcharge shows in

October a decrease of Afl. 1.37 cents per kWh. The prices of electricity and water show also decreases in price compared to September 2010. The average electricity price per household decreased to Afl. 308.72 (-3.12%) causing an effect of -0.29 ppts on the CPI, while the average price of water per household

decreased to Afl. 153.95 (-5.12%) causing an effect of -0.28 ppts on the CPI.

In October 2010 the price of gasoline decreased by Afl. 0.01 (-0.58%) causing an effect of -0.03 ppts on the CPI. The price of diesel registered an insignificant increase (0.80%) in October 2010.

In October 2010, utilities,

gasoline and diesel as a group show a decrease in price of 2.90% compared to September 2010, and had an influence of -0.60 ppts on the CPI, while the remaining 448

goods and services, as a group, experienced an increase in price of 0.11%, causing an effect of 0.09 ppts on the CPI. □

HUMAN HINTS

Passionate Journey To A Meaningless Destination

It's been said that in order to master the physical world, we must try as hard as we can to achieve our goals, then remain totally indifferent to even the greatest failure and success. This is the simple message of the famous Bhagavad-Gita, and is found most other places where enlightenment is discussed.

It seems like a conflicting idea to our logical mind. Why would we even strive for something in the first place, if we didn't care about the results? In the physical realm, the result is the reason we strive. In the eyes of logical mind, without a result, effort loses it's meaning.

Let's look at it from a different perspective. Beyond human emotion, we strive for something in order to learn and grow by overcoming resistance. The journey is the goal. Reaching the destination marks the end of the goal. Ending up in a different place than you expect usually means the journey was more exciting than expected, and that is the point.

When my game is over in this human body, I want to get out of the driver's seat saying, "Wow, what an Intense Rush! I hope you captured every moment of that for the archives!" I'm not going to say, "Hey, I didn't get everything I wanted in the physical realm! I feel cheated!" It's about the passion of our effort, not what we achieve.

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~Quentin Danziger

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The Next Steps:

Nature and Environment Education in the Dutch Caribbean



Robust and quality nature and environment education is critical to the long-term sustainability of nature in the Dutch Caribbean and is therefore a priority for the DCNA park managers. Recently, twelve park and

nature management staff from Bonaire, Saba, St. Maarten and St. Eustatius came together for the first time to focus the discussion solely on nature and environment education - where we stand today and where we need to go tomorrow.

The group was joined by Alex Vreman and Thea Peters of IVN, Netherlands to explore partnership opportunities.

"The workshop was very valuable in strengthening our education activities, and providing suggestions and tools for a wider and more strategic education program," said Tadzio Bervoets, the manager of the Nature Foundation on St. Maarten, which recently launched a Snorkel Club program for kids. In 2011, DCNA will be taking on several activities as a direct output of the workshop in order to support and enhance these efforts while building a common vision for nature and environment education throughout the Dutch Caribbean. □



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Iran offers talks but without key nuclear demands

NASSER KARIMI

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran offered Tuesday to resume nuclear talks with United States and other world powers, though it set a possible deal-breaking ground rule by insisting that a key international demand be left off the table.

The shifting signals from Tehran — which also included separate announcements with different timetables for talks — raised questions about whether Iran was seriously interested in reopening international dialogue over its nuclear program or trying to emphasize the point that it would never accept a package requiring it halt uranium enrichment.

Iran ruled out any discussion of a nuclear fuel exchange deal like the one it balked at last year and which was meant to ensure it could not divert material to nuclear weapons production.

That could force the six-nation group of negotiators — the United States, Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany — to either shun Tehran's outreach or come up with a new formula to thwart any possible Iranian attempt to make nuclear weapons.

Iran says it is only pursuing enrichment technology to make fuel for a planned network of power-generating reactors. But the technology is central to international concerns because uranium enriched to higher levels can also be used in making warheads.

Last year's U.N.-drafted proposal would have at

least delayed Iran's ability to potentially go down the weapons path by requiring it to ship nearly all of its stockpile of enriched uranium abroad to be returned as reactor-ready fuel.

Iran rejected that deal but later accepted a similar fuel swap proposal from allies Brazil and Turkey. The six nations, however, said that offer fell short of their demands.

Iran considers the technological achievement of creating nuclear fuel through enrichment to be a major point of pride and in keeping with its self-proclaimed role as a regional power.

The six powers suspect Iran is seeking to develop a nuclear weapons capability under the cover of a civil energy program and want to make sure Tehran cannot make the raw materials for a possible warhead. Iran denies that.

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman, Ramin Mehmanparast, said the proposed talks would "not include the issue of the fuel swap under any circumstance," according to a report by the semi-official Mehr news agency.

It's unclear, however, what Iran seeks to put on the agenda if talks resume, but it could include general issues on Iran's nuclear program and other international topics.

It followed separate announcements from Tehran proposing different timetables and left Washington and allies waiting for more details on the agenda and challenging Iran's choice of Turkey as a venue — which would give Iran an ally on the sidelines.

Still, the proposals showed Iran's apparent eagerness to reopen talks on its nuclear ambitions after facing tougher international economic sanctions. The new round of sanctions have hit important sectors such as the oil industry and sharply restricted Iran's banking links to the rest of the world.

Several Iranian officials, including President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, have endorsed the idea of opening new meetings in response to an invitation last month from the European Union's foreign affairs and security chief, Catherine Ashton.

Iran's first offer for talks, carried by the Mehr news agency, quoted Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki as offering a fast-track plan to reopen talks on Monday. He had earlier said Iran favors holding the meetings in Turkey.

Hours later, EU officials told The Associated Press a letter from Iran was received by Ashton's office suggesting that Iran could be ready to begin talks as early as Wednesday, but it noted specific dates of either Nov. 23 or Dec. 5 in Istanbul.

European diplomats, however, said the 27-nation bloc opposes Istanbul as a host site and is proposing Geneva as an alternative. The diplomats spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue.

After the Iranian announcement, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said no firm date has been set for the talks, Turkey's state-run Anatolia news



Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad delivers a speech in a public gathering at the city of Bojnord, northeastern Iran, Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010. Iran's president said Wednesday that upcoming talks with six world powers about its disputed nuclear program will fail if those nations continue along what he called a "path of arrogance."

Associated Press

agency reported.

Confusion and complications are not new elements to the process. Iran has often sent mixed signals over its willingness to discuss

Western demands to curb its nuclear ambitions, including sending counter-proposals and using delaying tactics that effectively brought talks to an impasse. □

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Yemen wants much more U.S. aid to fight terrorism



A Yemeni policeman stands alert outside the state security court in San'a, Yemen, Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010 where the US-born radical cleric Anwar al-Awlaki is being tried in absentia for inciting killing of foreigners. Al-Awlaki, believed to be hiding in Yemen, was linked to last year's shooting at Fort Hood, Texas, and the attempted bombing of a U.S.-bound flight last Christmas. In the latest video, he said all Americans are the enemy and Muslims should kill any of them at will without consulting anyone.

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Associated Press

SAN'A, Yemen (AP) — Yemen wants far more military aid than the U.S. has promised in the fight against escalating terrorism — billions of dollars

more than Washington has in mind.

And yet Yemeni authorities have little to show for the significant Western aid that has already poured into the impoverished country.

In fact, the al-Qaida offshoot

Associated Press

that claimed responsibility for the failed plot to send mail bombs from Yemen to the U.S. appears more emboldened than ever. And Yemen's government seems to feel more threatened by an increasingly restless secessionist rebellion in the south, where it has little control, than by militants linked to Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula.

Since the Oct. 28 discovery of the two mail bombs, U.S. officials are pressing Yemen for more and faster cooperation on intelligence-sharing and more opportunities to train Yemeni counterterrorism teams. Yemen is the poorest country in the Arab world and the government's authority is weak in areas outside the capital of San'a.

U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said over the weekend that the U.S. could do more to help train Yemeni forces to combat terrorists. U.S. officials told The Associated Press last week that military aid to Yemen would double to \$250 million in 2011 — underscoring the growing realization of the threat al-Qaida poses to the fragile state.

President Barack Obama called President Ali Abdullah Saleh last week to say the

aid is part of a broader, more comprehensive strategy to promote security as well as economic and political development.

But Hesham Sharaf, a Yemeni deputy minister, said the proposed U.S. assistance is "nothing" compared to what Yemen needs. Government officials are talking about a two-year program to develop the armed forces that would cost around \$6 billion, he said. Yemen says it needs to develop its coast guard and acquire more than a dozen combat helicopters, satellites and equipment such as night-vision goggles and spyware.

"Technology like satellites should be in Yemen's hands, not images handed down to us," Sharaf said. "We must have special Yemeni forces trained to use combat helicopters, not Americans. If they (Americans) go on the ground, people will criticize us and say we are weak."

As part of its aid, the U.S. provides equipment and training to Yemeni forces. But there are ongoing U.S. concerns that Yemen could use the equipment and those forces against Shiite rebels who have fought government forces intermittently for years in the north or a separate front against secessionists in the south.

Many critics inside Yemen say the aid is going to fight government opponents, particularly the southern secessionists, and that Yemen is simply milking the West for money to carry out an agenda that doesn't necessarily make fighting al-Qaida its top priority.

Soon after the mail bombs were detected, other government officials echoed Sharaf's call for more equipment and assistance to fight al-Qaida. The failed attacks exposed the government's lack of success against al-Qaida and its growing threat to the regime and showed that the group was using Yemen as a base to plot international attacks.

Yemen is clearly expected to show how it is using the aid it has been given. In addition to asking for more intelligence cooperation, a U.S. official

said Washington also wants to have access to prisoners allegedly from al-Qaida.

Much Western aid has poured into Yemen's security and military agencies in the 10 years since al-Qaida bombers steered an explosives-laden boat into the Navy destroyer USS Cole that was refueling at a Yemeni port, killing 17 U.S. sailors.

In the past five years, U.S. military assistance to Yemen has totaled about \$250 million. That covered programs to train and equip Yemeni forces to combat al-Qaida, as well as buy boats and other equipment for the airport and seaports. It also paid for training senior officers here and in the U.S.

About 50 elite U.S. military experts are in the country training Yemeni counterterrorism forces — a number that has doubled in the past year.

At least four new security branches to combat terrorism as well as a new anti-terrorism administration in the air force were created, with much Western financing and technical support.

Many in Yemen say Western assistance is going to train new forces — many of which are commanded by Saleh's eldest son and other relatives — instead of supporting older troops battered by other wars.

A Yemeni coast guard service was founded soon after the USS Cole attack with U.S. aid. A special forces unit and the National Security Agency were formed around the same time to supplement the work of the intelligence services.

An anti-terrorism unit under the Interior Ministry was also added, and a similar anti-terrorism administration was created under the air force.

Although the U.S. trains Yemeni special forces, Yemen frequently sends part of its regular armed forces — estimated to number about a half-million — to hunt al-Qaida militants in the south. And the new U.S. demand for more intelligence-sharing and access to prisoners is viewed in Yemen as a move by the U.S. to increase its oversight of how U.S. military assistance is being used. □



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New violence reported in Western Sahara

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RABAT, Morocco (AP) — New clashes erupted Tuesday in the Western Sahara between Moroccan security forces and local people seeking independence for the vast, resource-rich desert region, activists said.

The Polisario Front independence movement accused Morocco's government of provoking the territory's worst violence in decades in order to derail U.N.-sponsored talks on the future of Western Sahara. The arid section of northwest Africa has teeming coastal fishing grounds and valuable deposits of phosphate, a mineral used widely to make everything from fertilizer to photocopier toner.

Violence exploded Monday after Moroccan forces raided a tent camp set up by the native Saharawi outside of the regional capital Laayoune to protest discrimination and deprivation at the hands of the Moroccan government. The city is populated mainly by Moroccan settlers as a result of the Rabat government's drive to assert control over the former Spanish territory, which it occupied when Spain left in 1975 after nearly a century of colonial rule. The Polisario declared independence in 1976 on behalf of the nomadic Saharawi, who have their own Arabic dialect and distinct culture.

The dispute is one of the world's longest unresolved conflicts.

Morocco's official MAP news agency said four

security officials were killed in Monday's operation at the camp, and one was stabbed to death elsewhere. About two dozen other security agents were hospitalized, it said.

The Polisario Front said 11 Saharawis died in the raid on the tent city and rioting that spread to the capital, Laayoune. It said 723 people were hurt, with another 159 people unaccounted for.

Morocco's government made no comment Tuesday and neither side's figures could be independently confirmed because the government did not allow foreign media access to the region.

The Polisario Front's representative in Madrid said violence broke out again Tuesday in two sections of Laayoune after Moroccan police detained large numbers of people in the city.

Bucharaya Beyun said he learned of the clashes from associates in Laayoune. Isabel Terraza, a Spanish activist who is in the city, told The Associated Press by telephone that there were more clashes under way. She said large numbers of soldiers and police were patrolling the city.

Informal talks between Morocco and the Polisario Front were scheduled to take place Monday near New York City and went ahead anyway, because the Polisario did not want to play into Morocco's hands, Beyun said. Another session was scheduled for Tuesday. "With what it did yesterday Morocco wanted the negotiations to break down and thought we would not attend the negotiations. It



In this photo released by the MAP news agency (Maghreb Arabe Presse) shows Moroccan forces dismantle a camp housing thousands of refugees in the Western Sahara, near Laayoune, Monday Nov. 8, 2010. At least three Moroccan security officials were killed and 70 injured Monday in a raid on a protest camp in the disputed territory of Western Sahara and unrest that then spread to a nearby city, where several buildings were set on fire.

wanted us to take the blame for the talks breaking down," Beyun said. "It wanted us to pay for the consequences of a breakdown, but we attended." He had no information on what happened at the talks.

Bernabe Lopez, a North Africa expert at Autonomous University in Madrid, wrote Tuesday in the newspaper El Pais that with the raid on the camp "Morocco has consciously wrecked the negotiations in New York, losing all credibility in its drive for a realistic solution by offering autonomy."

Laayoune is about 30 percent Saharawi, while the rest of its residents are native Moroccans that the government has moved there.

Tension has been rife since a 1991 U.N.-negotiated cease-fire that ended a 16-year guerrilla war between the Polisario and the North African kingdom.

The enmity strains relations between Morocco and Algeria, which harbors Saharawi refugee camps and backs the Polisario bid for a U.N.-sponsored referendum on the status of the territory. Previous

bids to hold a referendum have fallen through due to disputes on whether native Moroccans should be allowed to vote in a referendum.

During the last round of informal talks in February, neither side budged and Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said in April that he saw no prospect of

Associated Press resolving the dispute in the foreseeable future.

For Morocco, Western Sahara's status as part of the national territory is a near-sacred subject — like the king and Islam — leaving little room for debate. Moroccan newspapers on Tuesday roundly applauded the police intervention at the camp and in Laayoune. □

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Minister admits reluctant Michelle Obama handshake



In this frame grab image made from video, first lady Michelle Obama shakes hands with Indonesian Information Minister Tifatul Sembiring, as the Obama's arrived in Jakarta on Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010. Sembiring, who flaunts his conservatism, admits he shook hands with first lady Michelle Obama in welcoming her to Indonesia but says it wasn't his choice.

Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — A conservative Muslim government minister admits he shook hands with first lady Michelle Obama in welcoming her to Indonesia but says it wasn't his choice. Footage on YouTube shows otherwise, sparking a debate that has lit up Facebook, Twitter and the rest of the blogosphere.

"I tried to prevent (being touched) with my hands but Mrs. Michelle held her hands too far toward me (so we touched)," Information Minister Tifatul Sembiring told tens of thousands of followers on Twitter.

While Indonesia has the largest Muslim population in the world, the vast majority practice a moderate form of the faith. But Sembiring has flaunted his conservatism and says he avoids contact with women who are not related to him.

The minister was among the dignitaries in a receiving line that greeted President Barack Obama and his wife as they arrived in Jakarta on Tuesday — a homecoming of sorts for the president who spent part of his childhood here. Indonesians gathered around television sets across the country to watch the American president touch down. Children at the school he attended practiced a song dedicated to him just in case

he visited.

In footage of the official welcome, Sembiring appeared to share his countrymen's enthusiasm. He smiled broadly as he shook the president's hand and then reached with both hands to grasp Michelle Obama's. But later he said she forced their contact.

His denial was in a response to tweets from Indonesians who noted the handshake and questioned his long-standing claims that, as a good Muslim, he restricts his contact with women.

Many posts had a "gotchya" quality to them.

One female journalist — who said the minister had refused to shake her hand — gleefully noted that now he would no longer be able to wriggle out of it.

Sembiring has often tweeted controversial comments, including blaming natural disasters on a lack of morality and joking about AIDS. □

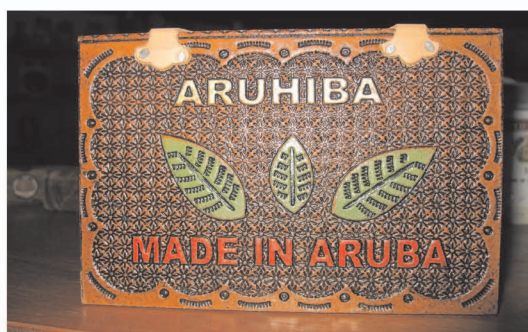
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Tiger is back in Australia, minus some of the buzz

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — The woman keeping score for Tiger Woods in the final round of the Australian Masters did well to contain her emotions. She looked down at the boy holding the sign with the scores and wanted to make sure he understood his good fortune.

"This," she whispered to him, "is the holy grail in golf."

Is it still? Perhaps the broader question is will it ever be again?

Woods returned Down Under on Tuesday with a slightly subdued reception. There were still media at the airport, although Geoff Ogilvy

did not recall the same kind of TV report he heard last year: "The plane has landed, but we haven't seen him walk out of the plane yet!"

There were no helicopters hovering over the fairways, because Woods did not bother coming out to Victoria Golf Club. And when he tees off Thursday, he most likely will be playing before fewer fans.

The tournament sold out last year six weeks in advance — as much as Aussies love sports, most buy tickets the day of an event. Now, tickets are still for sale. Tournament official David Rollo said 55,000 tickets have been sold for the four rounds, and he would be disappointed if sales didn't top 70,000.

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Tiger Woods of the United States watches his ball after teeing off from the fourth hole during the Skins Games charity golf tournament, marking King Bhumibol's 60th year on the Thai throne, on the Amata Spring Country Club course in Chonburi province, southeastern Thailand, Monday, Nov. 8, 2010.

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Ichiro gets 10th Gold Glove in row, Jeter wins 5th

BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Ichiro Suzuki won his 10th straight Gold Glove for a full season of fielding excellence. Mark Buehrle won again, perhaps clinching his spot with an acrobatic play on opening day.

Derek Jeter's selection is likely to set off another loud round of dispute over whether the award is relevant anymore.

Rawlings announced the American League honors Tuesday.

Managers and coaches vote for players in their leagues and can't pick players on their own teams.

Also chosen were first baseman Mark Teixeira and second baseman Robinson Cano of the New York Yankees; third baseman Evan Longoria and outfielder Carl Crawford of the Tampa Bay Rays; Minnesota catcher Joe Mauer and Seattle outfielder Franklin Gutierrez.

The NL awards will be announced Wednesday.

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BUMBLIN' BENGALS



Pittsburgh Steelers cornerback William Gay (22) picks up the ball after it was knocked loose from Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver Jordan Shipley (11) for an incomplete pass on the Bengals' last play in their 27-21 loss to the Steelers in an NFL football game, Monday, Nov. 8, 2010, in Cincinnati. Cornerback Ike Taylor (24) and linebacker James Harrison (92) watch.

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Federer backs shorter ATP season in 2012

Switzerland's Roger Federer reacts after winning the final match against Novak Djokovic from Serbia at the Davidoff Swiss Indoors tennis tournament at the St. Jakobshalle in Basel, Switzerland, Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010.

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TIGER

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They topped 100,000 last year.

That's to be expected, and not because of the year Woods had off the golf course.

The world's No. 1 player had not been to Australia since the 1998 Presidents Cup. Since then, he had won 72 times around the world, 14 majors and was being debated as the greatest golfer of all time. Now, he is No. 2 in the world and hasn't won in 51 weeks.

"It's easier to hype up someone who hasn't been here for 10 years," Ogilvy said. "He was here just last year. A lot has happened in Tiger's life in the last 12 months, but I think if there is any lack of hysteria, it's probably due to the fact that he was here last year rather than anything else. Don't you think? You guys want me to say that his aura is all gone and he's no good anymore. But I don't buy that."

It was Australia where the National Enquirer linked Woods to New York nightclub hostess Rachel Uchitel, and more allegations of infidelity came gushing out in the weeks following Woods' middle-of-the-night car accident Nov. 27 outside his Florida home.

That scandal is what kept Woods out of golf for nearly five months and ultimately led to his divorce. It didn't do much for his golf game, either, for this is the longest he has gone without winning.

Woods acknowledged as much last week after he tied for sixth in the HSBC Champions, which for him constituted progress. Reflecting on a summer of finishing back in the pack, he said, "I was dealing with a lot of things off the golf course in that period of time, which was the most difficult. I also was trying

to play, which was tough." He was talking about constant meetings with attorneys while trying to work out a divorce settlement, which was official Aug. 23.

There has not been much talk about his personal life since.

If the mystique is missing, it has more to do with the scores he shoots than the secret life he was leading. Cameron Percy played with Woods in the final round at Kingston Heath. Contacted about a month later, after seeing Woods' image splashed across the TV worldwide for reasons no one ever imagined, Percy was asked what kind of reception Woods could expect if he returned to defend his title in Australia. "I can't see this being an issue," Percy said last December. "Our biggest idol is Greg Norman — not much difference there. The golfing public just loves to watch his golf. We have athletes in trouble for one thing or another. Once they're on the sporting field, it's all right."

That's the problem.

There hasn't been much about Woods' game that has been worth watching.

Woods tied for sixth at Shanghai for the second straight year, with one big difference. Last year he was five shots off the lead; this year he was 12 shots behind. In his last eight tournaments, Woods has finished an average of 13 shots behind.

That's the significance of the Australian Masters this year.

Woods has been a defending champion every year since he was at least 12, maybe longer. But if he doesn't win at Victoria, a sandbelt course that he will not see until the pro-am Wednesday, an entire year will have passed without him hoisting a trophy. To what extent he can ever repair his image, it starts



U.S. golfer Tiger Woods, right, looks on as his caddy Steve Williams gestures during the Australian Masters Pro-Am event at Victoria Golf Club in Melbourne, Australia, Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010.

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with winning.

Some think he is close.

Rickie Fowler played behind him at the Ryder Cup, when Woods played the final seven holes in 7-under par, and said, "It was pretty special. He looked like he was strutting around the course like I used to see on TV."

Robert Allenby played behind Sunday at Sheshan International and thought he was "super close."

"I think next year is going to be a great year for him," Allenby said. "I have no doubt in my mind that he'll win a major next year."

Ernie Els played with him two rounds in Shanghai and

another round in Boston.

"It looks like he's in a better place," he said.

Maybe so, but Woods is not where he wants to be, and certainly not where anyone is used to seeing him.

Fans at the Australian Masters might not turn out in droves because they just saw him a year ago. □

Hawkins fired as Colorado football coach

By PAT GRAHAM

AP Sports Writer

BOULDER, Colo. — The University of Colorado will pay coach Dan Hawkins around \$2 million to go away. His replacement might not get that much to fix the Buffaloes' broken football program.

Athletic director Mike Bohn said the school's financial constraints means he won't be able to pursue just anyone to be the next coach at Colorado because the higher profile names earn about \$4 million annually, way out of the Buffs' price range.

"It's really not a level playing field of the haves in the Big 12 or the haves in the Pac-12," Bohn said Tuesday at a news conference to announce the dismissal of Hawkins. "We're not a \$4-million institution. Would I like to believe we could get there some day? Sure."

"If we can emerge from not being dead last in the Pac-12 Conference as far as number of donors and amount of money raised — that's a challenge for us."

Bohn fired Hawkins on Tuesday, three days after the biggest meltdown in school history put a cap on his five failed seasons with the Buffaloes. Longtime assistant Brian Cabral will serve as interim coach for the final three games of the season, beginning Saturday against Iowa State.

Bohn said the search for a new coach would

begin immediately.

However, Bohn may not be able to set his sights on the upper echelon, especially given Hawkins' buyout and the prohibitive cost of luring a quality coach.

"It is going to limit our pool," Bohn said.

At 70 years old, former CU coach Bill McCartney has publicly expressed an interest in coaching again and remains a "viable candidate," Bohn said. McCartney led the Buffaloes to their only national title in 1990. But he's been out of football since 1994.

Hawkins was hailed as a "home run" hire by Bohn in 2006 after going 53-11 at Boise State. Yet he never had a winning season in Boulder, going 19-39 and losing his last 17 games outside of Colorado.

The final straw came Saturday when Colorado blew a 28-point lead at Kansas as the Jayhawks scored 35 points over the final 11 minutes for a stunning 52-45 win. It was the biggest collapse in the 121-year-old program's history.

Dressed in Colorado colors Tuesday, Hawkins stepped up to the podium and spoke for nearly 13 minutes, ending his speech with "Go Buffs."

He didn't take any questions from the media. "I know it's been a tough time for every Buff faithful. Hopefully, we can get those things remedied," Hawkins said. "I really hope the negativity that might surround me doesn't surround them. They don't deserve that." □

NFL Roundup

Steelers hold on for 27-21 win over Bengals

By JOE KAY

AP Sports Writer

CINCINNATI — The ball headed straight for Jordan Shipley. So did James Harrison.

Care to guess which one won?

The often-fined Harrison lowered his shoulder and helped knock the ball loose from Shipley near the 5-yard line on Cincinnati's final play, preserving a 27-21 victory over the Bengals on Monday night that left the AFC North with an old, familiar look.

The Steelers (6-2) are again at the top, sharing the spot with Baltimore. The defending-champion Bengals (2-6) are in last place alone after their fifth straight loss, coming up one completion short.

Credit that last rib-jolting hit — legal all-around — by the Steelers' on-the-spot defenders.

"The defense held strong," said Ben Roethlisberger, who was 17 of 27 for 163 yards with a touchdown and an interception that helped the Bengals rally at the end. At the end of a night full of foibles, tricks and missed chances, the Steelers turned to their one constant to finish it off. That unyielding defense came through again.

"This is how the Steelers play ball," defensive back Ike Taylor said. "We might get a blowout here and there. But we're always in tough close ballgames. As a defense we just want to close them out. That's what we did tonight."

Pittsburgh seemed to be in control when Antwaan Randle El threw a 39-yard touchdown pass off a trick play to open the fourth quarter, building a 27-7 lead made possible by the Bengals' many mistakes. Pittsburgh also had points set up by a fumbled kickoff,

a blocked punt and a missed field goal.

Then, the Steelers turned sloppy as well. Roethlisberger threw an interception that set up Terrell Owens' second touchdown catch of the game, and Jeff Reed missed a 46-yard field goal try that would have clinched it with 3:59 to go.

The drama had just begun. Last year, Cincinnati jump-started its perfect run through the division by rallying to beat the Steelers 23-20 on Carson Palmer's touchdown pass with 14 seconds left. When Reed's attempt swerved left, the Steelers got a bad feeling.

"They had Carson Palmer and company with timeouts," Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said. "And that's a horror movie and we've seen that before." Palmer led the Bengals downfield with the help of a wacky play. His pass to Cedric Benson was tipped, but the running back made a juggling catch for a 16-yard gain on third-and-long. Chad Ochocinco's only catch of the game moved it to the 12-yard line.

On fourth-and-5, Palmer found Shipley open over the middle in first-down range, but the Steelers converged and squeezed the ball out to end it. "I ran in the middle of two guys," Shipley said. "I felt like I had it, and they knocked it out of there." Palmer was 22 of 36 for 248 yards with an interception and touchdown passes of 19 and 27 yards to Owens.

"I think Carson played a great game under a lot of heat," said Owens, who had 10 catches for 141 yards. "He put the ball in there in tight situations. You look at the last four or five games we've played, it's been a play here or there that's made the difference."

It was fitting that Harrison

had a shoulder in the final play. He got his third fine of the season, this one pushing the total to \$100,000, for a hit last week on the Saints' Drew Brees. The linebacker got summoned to Commissioner Roger Goodell's office for a meeting.

Goodell was at the game on Monday night, watching as the Harrison-led defense got the best of the Ohio River rivalry.

Eight seconds into the game, the Bengals already were in trouble.

The Steelers won the coin toss and deferred to the second half. Bernard Scott got the kickoff and fumbled at the Cincinnati 25. Pittsburgh needed only four plays to score, with Rashard Mendenhall pushing the final yard for a 7-0 lead.

When Scott held onto the ball as he was tackled during the ensuing kickoff, some Bengals fans gave a derisive cheer. They were incredulous moments later when William Gay burst through the middle of the line untouched and blocked Kevin Huber's punt at the Cincinnati 30-yard line — Pittsburgh's first blocked punt in two years.

Reed's 25-yard field goal made it 10-0, just like that. "Initially, we created some opportunities for ourselves," Tomlin said. "You knew it was going to be a 60-minute game."

The Steelers lost two offensive linemen on a second-quarter drive. Left guard Chris Kemoeatu hobbled off with an injured right ankle. Center Maurkice Pouncey limped off with an injured right leg two plays later, but returned in the second half. Then, left tackle Max Starks went out in the third quarter with a neck injury.

With the backups in place, the Steelers managed to



Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger calls a play against the Cincinnati Bengals in the first half of an NFL football game, Monday, Nov. 8, 2010, in Cincinnati.

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stay ahead. Roethlisberger total against any team. threw an 8-yard touchdown And Randle El's first pass pass to Hines Ward, his of the season went for a 15th TD catch against the touchdown that seemed to Bengals — Ward's highest put it out of reach. □



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NFL commissioner says players won't decide fines



NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, talks during an interview before a program promoting the Monday night football game against the Pittsburgh Steelers, Monday, Nov. 8, 2010 in Cincinnati.

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By **JOE KAY**
 AP Sports Writer

CINCINNATI — Sorry, Troy

Polamalu. Commissioner Roger Goodell says active NFL players won't be deciding

punishment for flagrant hits that merit fines.

Goodell wants to hear their opinions, though.

The commissioner said Monday the league has been opposed to allowing active players or team officials to get involved in deciding punishments. The league recently increased its enforcement of rules against flagrant hits.

The Steelers safety has been outspoken against the crackdown, saying it has caused paranoia around the league. Teammate James Harrison was been fined \$100,000 for three hits, prompting him to talk briefly about retiring. Polamalu suggested last week that

current players and team officials should be involved in deciding punishments.

Goodell indicated that's not going to happen.

"There are league executives involved and there are former players involved," Goodell said, before a program promoting the Monday night game between the Bengals and Steelers. "I think having active players and active front office executives is something the competition committee has always frowned on."

Goodell emphasized that he's not part of the fines process, which was set up with the players' association.

Last week, Goodell summoned Harrison to his office to talk about his late hit on Saints quarterback Drew Brees two days earlier. Harrison later was fined \$20,000 for the play. Harrison also has been fined \$75,000 for a helmet hit on Browns receiver Mohamed Massaquoi and \$5,000 for slamming Titans quarterback Vince Young to the ground this season. Goodell got Harrison's opinions on the crackdown.

"I always seek to get players' involvement," Goodell said. "I actually work very hard to make sure we understand the players' perspective. As a matter of fact, bringing James Harrison in last week was an opportunity to be able to hear from an active player — what he's thinking, what's his perspective, what's he challenged with — so we can make sure we understand that as we're going forward in the season."

Harrison mentioned the difficulty in trying to hit a moving runner.

"I think James is an outstanding player and I think he's a guy who wants to play the game within the rules," Goodell said. "He's certainly a tough football player, and I admire him very much on that level."

"I think one of the things he's frustrated by is ... when the offensive player is moving, how do I as a defensive player adjust? I think that's something that our competition committee and all of our coaches and our player committee often have talked about, and I think that's something we've got to try to continue to address."

Goodell appeared at a downtown luncheon along with several former Bengals players to promote the Monday night game. He also visited fans tailgating outside Paul Brown Stadium before the game.

"They really love the game, and I think it's important for us to understand their perspective not just about the game but also their experience with the game," Goodell said. "We always look to what can we do to get fans to participate more, and that's something we strive to do. They want more participation in the game." Goodell posed for pictures and autographed footballs, tickets and other items.

Fans asked him about helmet-to-helmet hits and what the league can do about unruly fans. When asked about former Reds star Pete Rose — banned from baseball for betting on his team — Goodell deferred.

"That's not my issue," Goodell said. "I'm not going to touch that." □

NHL GMs reject proposal on goal challenges

TORONTO — NHL general managers shelved a proposal Tuesday to allow coaches to challenge goal calls.

Panthers GM Dale Tallon put the item on the agenda at the general manager meetings but didn't receive much support from his colleagues. Florida lost a game in Toronto this season when the referees missed a blatant goaltender interference call.

Tallon wanted to give coaches the ability to challenge similar plays. He says there was a "lot of conversation" about the proposal but it's a "dead issue."

The annual fall meeting is intended to give GMs a chance to discuss issues and lay the groundwork for some of the topics that will come up again in March. From there, they can make recommendations for any rule changes or tweaks.

It's clear the biggest item on the group's radar in the spring will be the evolution of the new penalty on hits to the head — rule 48. Four players have received supplemental discipline as a result of the rule — including San Jose Sharks forward Joe Thornton, who disagreed with the two-game suspension he was given last week.

Even though there's been some confusion in

the first few weeks of the season, the GMs sound committed to keeping the penalty.

"In general, we feel the league is doing the right things to protect the players in that situation," said Atlanta Thrashers GM Rick Dudley. "You have to protect them. And you have to do it without changing the basic structure of the game and I think that's been done."

A video was shown as evidence of progress being made.

The video had highlights players backing off hits in potentially dangerous situations — notably Blues forward David Backes and Bruins defenseman Zdeno Chara.

"I think the rule will evolve and without any new rules (being made)," Buffalo Sabres GM Darcy Regier said. "It can be moved to the appropriate stage based on what happens over the course of the season."

The overwhelming message to Colin Campbell and his hockey operations staff was wait before making changes.

In other news, the GMs decided to revisit Red Wings GM Ken Holland's proposed overtime change again in March. He wants to see overtime extended to eight minutes, with the first half played 4-on-4 and the second half 3-on-3. □

NBA Roundup

Curry scores 34, Warriors beat Raptors 109-102

TORONTO (AP) — Stephen Curry scored a season-high 34 points and Monta Ellis added 28 as the Golden State Warriors beat the Toronto Raptors 109-102 Monday.

Ellis, the NBA's leading scorer, fell heavily after a collision under Toronto's basket late in the fourth quarter. He remained down for several minutes before being helped up and walking slowly to the locker room. Ellis topped 25 points for the third time in seven games.

David Lee fouled out with 14 points and 12 rebounds and Andris Biedrins had eight points and nine rebounds for the Warriors, who won their first road game in three tries.

Magic 93, Hawks 89

At Orlando, Florida, Dwight Howard had 27 points and 11 rebounds as Orlando continued its recent reign over Atlanta with a victory in a rematch of last season's lopsided Eastern Conference semifinal.

Vince Carter finished with 19 points and made two huge layups in the final minute-plus to seal the Magic's victory, the 11th in the last 12 meetings over Atlanta. Jason Williams also had eight points and eight rebounds to fill in for an injured Jameer Nelson. Joe Johnson had 23 points and Al Horford scored 16 for the Hawks, who have lost two games in two days after winning their first six this season.

Spurs 95, Bobcats 91

At Charlotte, North Carolina, Manu Ginobili scored 26 points, including a driving layup with 4.9 seconds left to end Charlotte's late comeback bid as San Antonio held on for a win.

Surprising rookie Gary

Neal added 15 points, Tim Duncan had 14 points and 10 rebounds and Tony Parker had 12 points and eight assists for the Spurs, who nearly blew a nine-point lead with under 3 minutes left before securing their fourth straight win.

Charlotte, which was 31-10 at home last season en route to the franchise's first playoff berth, fell to 0-3 on its home floor thanks to 40 percent shooting from the field.

Stephen Jackson and Boris Diaw had 15 points apiece for the Bobcats, who dropped to 1-6.

Mavericks 89, Celtics 87

At Dallas, Dirk Nowitzki scored 25 points, including the go-ahead jump shot with less than 20 seconds to play, as Dallas snapped Boston's five-game winning streak.

Jason Terry added 17 points, and Tyson Chandler had 12 points and 13 rebounds for Dallas.

Paul Pierce scored 24 points, Kevin Garnett had 18 points and 15 rebounds, and Rajon Rondo had 11 points and 15 assists for the Celtics, who'd won their last three trips to Dallas.

Grizzlies 109, Suns 99

At Memphis, Tennessee,

Zach Randolph had 23 points and 20 rebounds while Rudy Gay added 22 points to help Memphis defeat Phoenix.

Randolph was 9 of 16 from the field and led six Grizzlies in double figures. The points and rebounds were season highs for the Memphis forward, and the fifth 20-20 game in his career.

O.J. Mayo and Mike Conley scored 16 apiece for the Grizzlies, while rookie Xavier Henry scored 14 points off the bench. Marc Gasol finished with 10 points and eight rebounds. Grant Hill led the Suns with 19 points and Jason Richardson finished with 17. Hakim Warrick and Steve Nash had 16 points apiece. Nash also had 11 assists.

Bulls 94, Nuggets 92

At Chicago, Derrick Rose scored 18 points, including eight during a furious fourth quarter rally, to help Chicago beat Denver.

Luol Deng added 17 points and Taj Gibson had 16 points for the Bulls.

Denver led 80-74 with just under seven minutes left before Chicago went on a 16-6 run sparked by Rose.



Golden State Warriors guard Monta Ellis, center, drives the net past Toronto Raptors forward David Andersen, left, and forward Amir Johnson during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Toronto on Monday, Nov. 8, 2010.

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Carmelo Anthony's basket with 15.3 seconds left cut the Bulls' lead to 90-88. Joakim Noah hit a free throw to extend the margin back to three points. Deng fouled Anthony, who made two free throws, to make it a one-point game with 11 seconds left.

Anthony led Denver with 32 points.

In other NBA games it was San Antonio 95, Charlotte 91; Orlando 93, Atlanta 89; Golden State 109, Toronto 102; Chicago 94, Denver 92; Memphis 109, Phoenix 99; and Dallas 89, Boston 87. □

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GOLD LOVE

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Suzuki tied the AL record for Gold Gloves by an outfielder shared by Ken Griffey Jr. and Al Kaline. The Seattle right fielder has won every year he's been in the big leagues.

The overall record for outfielders is held by Willie Mays and Roberto Clemente with 12 each. The awards started in 1957, so there's no telling how many Mays, Clemente or others might have won before then. Angels outfielder Torii Hunter's streak of nine in a row ended this season.

Jeter won for the fifth time at shortstop — at 36, the New York Yankees captain is the oldest AL shortstop to

win the Gold Glove since Luis Aparicio was the same age in 1970.

Jeter was charged with only six errors and had a career-high .989 fielding percentage, both best among full-time AL shortstops.

But modern fielding charts and rankings consistently put Jeter in the bottom half of their ratings. Two websites that study glove work — www.fangraphs.com with its Ultimate Zone Rating and www.fieldingbible.com — listed Chicago's Alexei Ramirez as the top-fielding AL shortstop with Jeter nowhere close to even middle-of-the-pack status.

Jeter's range seemed to noticeably decline — he's never been the best



In combo of 2010 file photos, the 2010 American League Gold Glove winners are shown. They are, top row from left, Chicago White Sox pitcher Mark Buehrle, New York Yankees second baseman Robinson Cano, Tampa Bay Rays outfielder Carl Crawford, Seattle Mariners outfielder Franklin Gutierrez and Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter; bottom row from left, Rays third baseman Evan Longoria, Minnesota Twins catcher Joe Mauer, Mariners outfielder Ichiro Suzuki and Yankees first baseman Mark Teixeira.

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at getting to balls up the middle. This season, it seemed more grounders into the hole got through, too, with third baseman Alex Rodriguez ranging less and less to his left.

For years, some fans have viewed the Gold Gloves as mostly a popularity contest, even suggesting that a player's performance at the plate helped draw extra attention to his glove. Jeter's win have often served as a lightning rod for that debate. Buehrle was an easy choice for his second Gold

Glove — he became the first pitcher with multiple no-hitters and Gold Gloves on his resume. He had a 1.000 fielding percentage in 50 chances this year and led major league pitchers with a career-high 11 pickoffs.

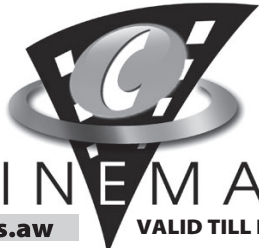
The lefty was the leading candidate from Day One, with his play in a 6-0 win over Cleveland. Buehrle stuck out his leg and deflected Lou Marson's hard one-hopper into foul territory beyond the first-base line, scrambled off the mound and used his glove

to flip the ball between his legs to get the out.

Gutierrez, who plays center field, Crawford and Cano also won for the first time. Crawford became a free agent when the season ended and is unlikely to re-sign with Tampa Bay.

Teixeira became a four-time winner, Mauer won his third Gold Glove and Longoria earned his second.

Gutierrez and Suzuki each receive \$50,000 bonuses, and Buehrle, Crawford, Longoria and Mauer get \$25,000 apiece. □



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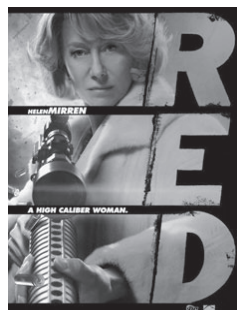
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NHL Roundup

Zetterberg scores in OT, Detroit beats Coyotes 3-2

DETROIT (AP) — Henrik Zetterberg scored 1:23 into overtime to lift the Detroit Red Wings to a 3-2 win over the Phoenix Coyotes on Monday. Dan Cleary and Nicklas Lidstrom also scored for Detroit. Jimmy Howard made 29 saves.

Martin Hanzal and Keith Yandle had Phoenix's goals. Ilya Bryzgalov stopped 37 shots. Zetterberg tipped in Ruslan Salei's shot from the top of the left circle as a penalty was being called on the Coyotes. It was Zetterberg's fourth goal.

Lidstrom's second goal of the season tied the game at 2, 7:24 into the third period on a slap shot from the left point. Yandle gave the Coyotes a 2-1 lead 7:31 into the second period when he picked up a loose puck in the lower left circle off the rush and beat



Detroit Red Wings winger Henrik Zetterberg of Sweden, right, prepares to hit the winning goal past Phoenix Coyotes goalie Ilya Bryzgalov of Russia in overtime in an NHL hockey game in Detroit, Monday, Nov. 8, 2010.

Associated Press

Knaus: Crew swap was organizational decision

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Chad Knaus defended the decision to dump Jimmie Johnson's crew with two races remaining, a move he said was done for the overall good of Hendrick Motorsports. "I don't think people understand it's not an easy decision," the crew chief said Tuesday, a day after Hendrick Motorsports said Jeff Gordon's crew would pit Johnson for the rest of the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

"There are emotions involved. We love our guys. We eat, sleep, drink with them. We win with them and we lose with them. But ultimately it is bigger than seven guys. We are 520-people strong here (at Hendrick Motorsports)." Knaus benched his crew in the middle of Sunday's race when an accident knocked Gordon out of the race and his crew became available. The No. 48 team had slogged through a pair of pit stops that had cost Johnson, the four-time defending NASCAR champion, valuable track position. Even though Gordon's No. 24 crew was flawless the remainder of the race, Johnson finished ninth and dropped out of the points lead this late in a championship race for the first time since 2005.



Jimmie Johnson, center, holds his daughter, Genevieve Marie, and is joined by his wife Chandra, left, and crew chief Chad Knaus before the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Texas Motor Speedway on Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010, in Fort Worth, Texas.

Associated Press

Race winner Denny Hamlin took over the points lead, and Johnson goes into Phoenix this weekend trailing by 33 points. Knaus said Gordon's accident gave the organization a rare opportunity to make a change on a day the No. 48 team wasn't performing. "It was a unique situation," Knaus said. "They're crashed out, they're sitting there and our guys are struggling. To not do that would be a mistake." Knaus also downplayed the significance of making a move viewed by many as cutthroat for a four-time championship winning team. "I hate to say this as bluntly as it is, but it's like changing a spring or changing a shock," he said. "You have to put the

best components together to try to win the championship. Unfortunately, we're not in the situation where (Gordon) can win the championship right now from this building, and that's what it's about — this building." Both Gordon and Johnson's teams work side-by-side in the same building on Hendrick's sprawling campus. Mark Martin and Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s teams have a similar set up in a nearby building. "How we operate here is completely different than how they do at other race teams. We operate as a team group. To mix these guys up a little bit is not a situation or a bad thing by any stretch of the imagination," Knaus said. □

Howard. It was Yandle's third goal. Cleary opened the scoring 1:40 into the game when he put in the carom off the end boards of Brian Rafalski's wide shot into an empty net. It was Cleary's fourth goal and third in three games.

Hanzal took advantage of a

favorable bounce at the other end to tie the game with 55 seconds left in the opening period. Derek Morris' shot from the point went wide but came off the end boards between Howard and the goal post and Hanzal poked it into the net. It was Hanzal's second goal, both against Detroit. □

Report: NHL changes format for All-Star game

TORONTO — The NHL All-Star game will have a brand new look next year.

The Canadian Press, citing an unidentified source, reported two captains will choose players from either conference to make up the teams for the 2011 game in Carolina. The expectation is the sides will be determined during a live television event at the start of All-Star weekend.

NHL vice president Brendan Shanahan developed the idea and discussed the change during the GM meetings on Tuesday, but was reluctant to talk about it with the media afterward.

"We've worked for a little while now on this idea, this concept, closely with the NHLPA," said Shanahan, who made eight appearances in the All-Star game during his playing career. "They like the idea. Some of the players that they've talked to — potential All-Stars — they seem sort of excited and energized by it."

An NHLPA spokesman said the organization has been working closely with the league to "revamp" All-Star weekend and is looking forward to announcing the details soon.

The Eastern Conference and Western Conference have faced off in the All-Star game since 2003.

Under the new format, players will earn a trip to the game the same way as in the past — with fans voting for the starters and the NHL's hockey operations staff rounding out the rest of the pool.

The NHL has been looking for ways to make the game more interesting.

"We know what it is and we know what it's not," Shanahan said. "It's an entertaining, fun game. Fans like to be entertained by the players showing their competitive spirit with a big smile on their face."

"It's not a Stanley Cup final, it's not an Olympic Games. It's never going to be that."

The 2012 All-Star game is scheduled to take place at Ottawa's Scotiabank Place. □

Gael Monfils rallies to reach third round in Paris



Gael Monfils of France serves the ball to Benjamin Becker of Germany during their match of the Paris Tennis Masters tournament, Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010.

Associated Press

Federer stands up for longer offseason

SAMUEL PETREQUIN

AP Sports Writer

PARIS (AP) — Former No. 1 Roger Federer has backed calls for a longer offseason ahead of a vote to decide the schedule for 2012 and 2013.

The ATP board of directors will meet during the World Tour Finals in London from Nov. 21 to discuss the calendar, and will consider proposals to shorten the season by two or three weeks. Federer, who is competing at the Paris Masters this week, said the schedule has improved since he started on the tour 12 years ago but the 16-time Grand Slam winner believes a longer offseason would benefit the players and tournaments.

“Over the years we’ve lost a couple of weeks here and there ... but I just think it’s time to shift back a bit and to get a proper offseason,” he said. “I hope tournaments understand it’s in their best interest as well, I think.

“So it seems like we are working together on this issue, and we’ll see what’s going to come out at the end of the year.”

The ATP Tour season lasts 11 months and No. 1-ranked Rafael Nadal and American Andy Roddick have also spoken out in favor of a longer offseason.

After winning the Australian Open in January, Federer saw his run of 23 consecutive Grand Slam semifinals come to an end with a loss to Robin Soderling in the French Open quarterfinals. He then missed his first Wimbledon final since 2002 but recovered in the second part of the season and won his 65th title

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AP Sports Writer

PARIS (AP) — Gael Monfils fought back from 5-1 down in the first set to beat Benjamin Becker of Germany 7-6 (4), 6-4 in the second round of the Paris Masters on Tuesday.

The 12th-seeded Frenchman, runner-up to Novak Djokovic last year, will next face Fernando Verdasco of Spain. Verdasco needs to reach the semifinals to stand a chance of playing in the ATP Finals in London later this month.

Former champion Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic, seeded fifth, also remained in contention for the finals when he thrashed Florent Serra of France 6-3, 6-1 in only 47 minutes. Berdych won the Paris Masters in 2005.

Three berths for the London event from Nov. 21-28 are up for grabs in Paris with five players still fighting for a spot at the year-end tournament. Andy Roddick, David Ferrer and Jurgen Melzer also vying for a place.

Both players were playing patchy tennis and swapped breaks at the start of the second set, before Monfils —

who won his third career title at the Open Sud de France last month — broke Becker in the seventh game and held for a 5-3 lead.

“I honestly don’t know how I won the first set, (trailing) 4-0 and 5-1,” Monfils said. “But the fans really got behind me.” Monfils, who was limping at times, put ice on his knee after the match.

“It was tough because I was also really tired, and because I didn’t start very well,” he said. Serving for the match, Monfils trailed 0-40 but regained his composure and sealed the win with a cross-court backhand.

Earlier, Mikhail Youzhny retired from his second round match with a back injury, relinquishing any hope of qualifying for the ATP Finals. The ninth-seeded Russian retired while trailing against Ernests Gulbis of Latvia 6-4, 3-0. Youzhny was in 10th place in the ATP Finals race and needed to reach the final in Paris to have a chance to qualify.

Gulbis will next play either Roddick of Jarkko Nieminen of Finland.

Verdasco kept an outside

chance of qualifying after rallying from a set and a break down to beat Arnaud Clement 3-6, 6-3, 6-0.

The sixth-seeded Spaniard, who claimed only his second win since reaching the U.S. Open quarterfinals, made the most of Clement’s sudden drop of form to win the last 10 games of the match.

“In the third set I saw him a little bit tired,” the left-handed Verdasco said. “He started making double faults at the end of the second set and the beginning of the third set, so this helped me to take advantage and break him and take more confidence also in my game. Finally I finished playing good.”

Former champion David Nalbandian of Argentina made short work of Marcel Granollers to reach the second round with a 6-3, 6-1 win. The Argentine will next face Andy Murray.

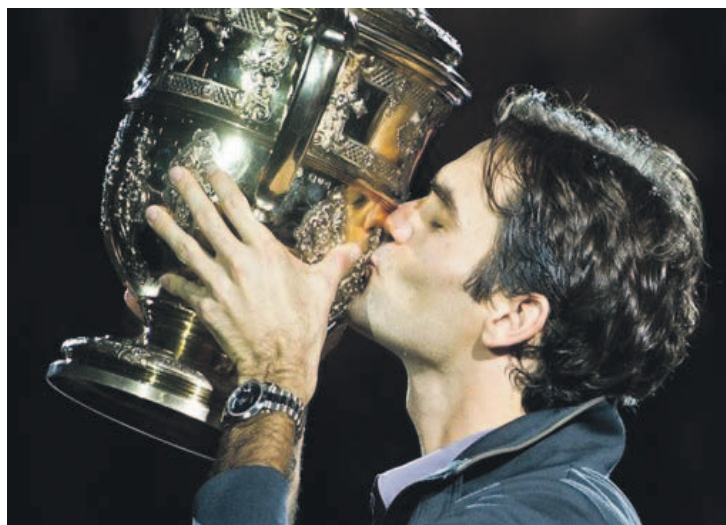
“Tomorrow is going to be one of those matches you really want to play and really want to win,” Nalbandian said. “He is a very complete player and it’s difficult to play offensively against him.”

Juan Monaco defeated Sam Querrey 7-6 (7), 6-2, while Thomaz Bellucci of Brazil served 21 aces and fended off seven of the eight break points he faced to upset Philipp Kohlschreiber 7-6 (5), 5-7, 6-3.

Bidding for a spot in France’s Davis Cup for next month’s final against Serbia, Gilles Simon recovered from a slow start on the fast indoor court to beat Andrey Golubev of Kazakhstan 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Simon rallied from 4-2 down in the second set and next plays fourth-seeded Robin Soderling. “I fought back. I had the feeling he was playing a lot better than I was,” Simon said. “At 4-3 (ahead) he played a bad game. He made two double faults and two unforced errors.”

The center court in Paris is faster this year, which should suit top-seeded Roger Federer in his bid to win the tournament for the first time. The 16-time Grand Slam champion has never advanced past the quarterfinals at the Paris Masters. □



Switzerland’s Roger Federer kisses the cup during the award ceremony after his final match against Serbia’s Novak Djokovic at the Davidoff Swiss Indoors tennis tournament at the St. Jakobshalle in Basel, Switzerland, Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010.

Associated Press

at the Swiss Indoors last week.

Federer has never advanced past the quarterfinals at the Paris Masters — perhaps as a result of the tournament’s position in the calendar — and the Swiss player hopes to improve that record this week.

“This has been by far my worst Masters 1000 tournament, so I hope I can do well this year,” said Federer. “I’ve always tried to come here and do really well. I don’t remember coming here and saying: ‘You know what? This is less important than the World Tour Finals.’”

“Quarters is just not good enough for me, and that’s why I hope I can change it this year. We’ll see how it goes.”

Federer opens against Richard Gasquet on Wednesday. □

Google announces 'Instant Previews' search feature

By DANA WOLLMAN,
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK — People searching on Google will soon be able to see previews of websites before clicking on them.

The "Instant Previews" feature announced Tuesday is meant to help people bypass websites that are either irrelevant or simply too visually cluttered for their tastes. It works for Google Web searches, as well as searches for news, video and local businesses.

After clicking on an icon of a magnifying glass, people will see a picture of the website in the white space to the right of the search results within a

tenth of a second. Although the preview photo will vary in size, just as Google Inc.'s image results do, Google designed the previews so that they'll never eclipse the search results and clutter the page.

Google will also show a box above the picture zooming in on the section of the website where the search terms appear. The search terms will be highlighted in that box.

While someone looks at a picture of a website, Google will load visual previews for other search results in the background so that people can quickly compare websites by rolling the cursor over the results on the page.

The feature is a follow-up to Instant Search, a feature Google unveiled in September that updates search results as people continue typing. Last week, Google said that people who own an iPhone or a smart phone running Google's Android software can use Instant Search too.

Google said it is introducing visual previews because word-based search results can only tell someone so much about what a website holds in store. People who use Google can already read short snippets from a site before they click on it, as well as, say, the date a news story or article was published.



Internet search giant Google began rolling out a new feature called "Instant Previews" that allows Web surfers to sample a website without having to click through to the page.

All told, Google claims that people who use Instant Previews are 5 percent more likely to feel satisfied with the website they chose. Google will roll out Instant Previews in 40 languages over the coming days. □



Yahoo! shares surged on Wall Street on Tuesday as takeover reports swirled around the Internet giant.

NEW YORK — Yahoo! shares surged on Wall Street on Tuesday as takeover reports swirled around the Internet giant.

Yahoo! shares were up 5.75 percent in early trading at 17.39 dollars. AOL is reported to be among the firms eyeing the possibility of buying Yahoo! and the New York Post said Tuesday that private equity giant KKR is interested in either taking Yahoo! private or helping finance a deal.

The Post said KKR's interest in Yahoo! is separate from that of other private equity firms that have held preliminary discussions with AOL about a possible tie-up with Yahoo!

"The Valley is convinced Yahoo! will be sold. The blood is in the water," the newspaper quoted an unidentified "Silicon Valley insider" as saying. "Yahoo!

is in play."

Yahoo! chief executive Carol Bartz has been seeking to carve out an identity for Yahoo! as it struggles to compete with Google and Facebook but the Sunnyvale, California company's share price has been largely stagnant since she took over.

The Post said a bid for Yahoo! would have to be in the range of 25 billion dollars "which is a big number for any private-equity firm to raise on its own."

The Wall Street Journal reported over the weekend that AOL has hired financial advisers to explore various strategic options for the company including a possible tie-up with Yahoo!, its much bigger rival.

The Journal said there had been no formal talks between the companies.

Yahoo! shares surge on takeover reports

It also noted that an AOL-Yahoo! deal would be complex, in part because of difficulty in spinning off Yahoo's Asian assets, which include stakes in Yahoo! Japan and China's Alibaba Group.

AOL is seeking a revival as an online content company and has been on an acquisition spree lately. In September, AOL acquired

TechCrunch, a leading Silicon Valley technology blog, Web video syndication firm 5min Media and Thing Labs, the company behind the Brizzly family of Web-based social software for sharing content.

AOL merged with Time Warner in 2001 at the height of the dot-com boom in what is considered one of the most disastrous mergers

ever and was spun off by Time Warner in December into an independent company.

AOL chief executive Tim Armstrong has embarked on an aggressive round of cost-cutting since taking the reins at AOL last year and has said he plans to refocus the company on "content, ads and communications." □

E Ink, maker of Kindle display, to offer color

By DANA WOLLMAN,
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK — Up until now, people who have bought e-readers have had to make a compromise: either read in color on a highly reflective screen, or read in shades of gray on a display that's easy to make out even outdoors.

E Ink Corp., the company that makes the black-and-white display for Amazon.com Inc.'s Kindle, said it will begin selling screens that also show colors.

The new technology, called E Ink Triton, displays 16 shades of gray, along with thousands of colors. As with other E Ink displays, people should be able to read it anywhere without having to squint.

Amazon did not immediately respond to inquiries Tuesday on whether that means a color Kindle is coming.

Amazon has said that although it hasn't

ruled out color E Ink displays, the technology isn't yet ready for prime time.

Even in color, E Ink still presents compromises. On the one hand, e-readers with E Ink screens have longer battery lives than those with reflective LCD displays, such as Apple Inc.'s iPad. But colors will appear more muted on E Ink displays. And E Ink's technology still cannot play video, as the iPad and other tablets can.

The first e-reader with a color E Ink screen will come from Chinese manufacturer Hanvon. The e-reader will have a display that measures 9.7 inches diagonally, and readers will be able to get online through either Wi-Fi or a 3G cellular connection. It is expected to go on sale in China for about \$440.

Hanvon, which sells other products such as tablets in American stores, said it might sell its newest e-reader in the U.S. □



Actress Betty White clutches a Smokey the Bear stuffed doll and wears a U.S. Forest Ranger hat during a ceremony where she was named an Honorary Forest Ranger by the US Forest Service, at the Kennedy Center in Washington, Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010. White has stated in numerous interviews that her first ambition as a young girl was "to become a forest ranger, but they didn't allow women to do that back then".

(AP Photo/Cliff Owen)

Actress Betty White made honorary Forest Ranger

By JESSICA GRESKO,
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Betty White has had countless roles over her award-winning career, but now she has a gig she's always wanted: "Forest Ranger." The actress known for her roles on "The Golden Girls" and "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" was made an honorary ranger Tuesday by the U.S. Forest Service. White, 88, said that as a young girl she wanted to be a forest ranger, but women weren't allowed to have the job.

On Tuesday, the Forest Service presented her with a badge and a ranger's Stetson hat, which she donned during a ceremony at the Kennedy Center. When Smokey Bear arrived mid-ceremony, White gave him a big bear hug and later asked to take the Forest Service mascot with her. She settled for a toy Smokey with its own small hat.

"Wilderness is harder and harder to find these days on this beautiful planet, and we're abusing our planet to the point of almost no return,"

White said. "In my heart I've been a forest ranger all my life, but now I'm official."

White said some of her first memories as a child are riding in front of her father on a horse into the High Sierras. They would stay for three weeks and never see "another two-legged soul," she said.

The family also went camping in Yellowstone National Park. White said her teachers eventually asked that she write essays on topics other than Yellowstone.

The Forest Service began in 1905, but very few women were employed during the early years. Today, women make up 38 percent of the Forest Service's workforce.

White, who recently won an Emmy for her guest-hosting stint on "Saturday Night Live," is in Washington for a ceremony to honor comedian Tina Fey, who is receiving the nation's top humor prize.

"It's a formal affair," she said. "Would it be all right if I wore the hat?" □

Harry Potter stars eye new freedoms -- and a tattoo

LONDON — The young stars of the Harry Potter films admitted Tuesday they face an uncertain future after the series ends but look forward to newfound freedoms -- including the opportunity to get a tattoo.

"A tattoo sounds quite cool, maybe of Dan's face," joked Rupert Grint, 22, when asked what he will do when he no longer has to inhabit the character of Ron, the best friend of Harry, played by Daniel Radcliffe.

Grint was speaking ahead of Thursday's world premiere in London of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part One", the penultimate film which, along with next year's second part, will spell the end of the boy wizard's adventures.

Filming has already wrapped up, opening a new chapter in the lives of its stars, who signed up for the parts 10 years ago as fresh-faced children and are now multi-millionaires.

"It's been a massive part of my life, I'm going to miss kind of everything," Grint told journalists. "Harry Potter was a safety cushion, a bubble. I've always felt a kind of connection with Ron. I suppose I'm going to miss him." He admits to being "unsure" about what he wants to do, focusing on short-term goals such as trying out skiing, adding: "I'll do anything, really, something completely opposite. Explore -- just do different things."

Emma Watson, who plays Harry's

brainy sidekick Hermione, has a few more ideas than her co-star but her problem is that "I want to do everything".

The elegant 20-year-old has achieved a high profile as a model in the past couple of years, fronting two campaigns for classic British brand Burberry and appearing on the cover of this month's Vogue magazine.

"I'm entering a new phase of my life, I feel excited to see what comes next," said Watson, who is currently enrolled at Brown University in the United States.

She said she was "really proud" of her performance in the final two Potter movies, but also expressed an interest in writing non-fiction books, adding that whatever happened she would keep working.

"I would go mad if I didn't do anything for a single day," she said.

Perhaps the most settled is Radcliffe, who has already forged an acting career outside the wizarding world, including a critically acclaimed run in London and Broadway in the stage play "Equus" which required him to bare all.

He is currently filming a new Hammer horror movie.

But the 21-year-old admitted: "I now have to work twice as hard to try and separate myself from the character and to create a more varied body of work in the next few years... to prove to people



Actors Daniel Radcliff (L), Emma Watson (C), and Rupert Grint attend the "Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince" premiere after party at American Museum of Natural History in New York City 2009. The young stars of the Harry Potter films admitted Tuesday they face an uncertain future after the series ends but look forward to newfound freedoms -- including the opportunity to get a tattoo.

that this is what I want."

He also has an eye on a future role as a director, saying: "I'd love to do that, I'm very interested but I still have a lot to learn."

Radcliffe, like Watson, rejects any suggestion of doing another Harry Potter film -- but said he might be

tempted if ever asked to take on the role of the headmaster of the fictional wizardry school where Harry learned his magic.

"Ten years is enough with one character, but if they offer me Dumbledore's part, I'd think about it," he quipped. □



Stocks fall as rally wanes; Gold, silver jump

By DAVID K. RANDALL,
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Writer

NEW YORK – Stocks fell in afternoon trading Tuesday, a day after the Dow Jones industrial average snapped a six-session gaining streak with a modest decline.

Gold prices reached new highs as the dollar jumped 0.5 percent. A weaker dollar has been a boost for stock prices, especially for companies that rely on exports and overseas operations for increasing revenues. Dirk van Dijk, the senior equity strategist at Zacks.com, said that Federal Reserve's recently-announced economic stimulus package has prompted investors to put money into gold and other commodities. The central bank plans to buy \$600 billion in Treasury bonds in order to spur spending, a tactic known as quantitative easing, in order

to push interest rates lower and encourage borrowing. The dollar has been falling against other currencies in anticipation of the program.

"The market is still being driven by the Fed's actions and it will be for a while," Dijk said.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 60.47, or 0.5 percent, to 11,346.37. The index lost 37.24 on Monday following six days of gains.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 6.98, or 0.6 percent, to 1,216.27, while the technology-focused Nasdaq composite index fell 11.61, or 0.5 percent, to 2,568.44.

Telecommunications and energy companies were the only groups of the S&P 500 to gain. Financial companies, which fell 1.6 percent, were the worst performing industry group.

Gold rose further, a day after trading above \$1,400 for the first time. Gold is at a record in dollar terms but is still well below its peak in the early 1980s after accounting for inflation.

The weakening dollar has been benefiting gold as investors seek other assets seen as safe places to park money. Some gold investors see the metal as a hedge against national currencies losing their value as a result of inflation. Gold was given another boost Monday when World Bank President Robert Zoellick wrote an op-ed piece in the Financial Times arguing that gold should have a place in the world's monetary system. The precious metal rose to \$1,406.80 an ounce, a 0.3 percent rise from late Monday. Silver also rose, gaining 1.7 percent to trade at \$27.91 an ounce. The metal's large gains



FILE - In this Nov. 3, 2010 file photo, trader Fred Demarco works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew, File)

Job openings drop for second straight month

By CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER,
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON – Job openings dropped sharply in September, a sign that hiring is likely to remain weak over the next several months. The Labor Department said Tuesday that employers advertised 2.9 million jobs at the end of September.

That's a drop of 163,000, or 5.3 percent, from the previous month.

The figures come after the department issued a modestly positive employment report on Friday. That report found that employers added a net total of 151,000 jobs in October, more than most economists expected.

But Tuesday's report, known as the Job Openings and Labor Turnover survey, or JOLTS, signals that employers still aren't willing to hire in large numbers. The economy needs to add at least 100,000 jobs per month just to keep up with population growth. The unemployment rate was unchanged in October, at 9.6 percent.

Openings have increased by 25 percent since July 2009, when they fell to their lowest point since records began in 2001. Still, they are far below the 4.4 million openings reported in December 2007, when the recession began.

The JOLTS report also shows how hard it is for job-seekers to find work. There were 5 unemployed people, on average, for each available job in September.

That's an improvement from a record 6.3 in November 2009, but worse than April's 4.6 unemployed people per job. There were 1.8 jobless workers per opening when the recession began.

Job openings dropped sharply in professional and business services, which includes temp workers, and in hotels and restaurants.

August's total openings were revised downward to just below 3.1 million. Available jobs have now fallen for two straight months.

Layoffs in the private sector, meanwhile, fell for the second straight month to their lowest level in four years. □

may be a result of traders buying silver because it had fallen below its typical price relationship with gold. Gold usually trades at 50 times the price of silver, said Rick de los Reyes, a metals and mining analyst at T. Rowe Price.

"Gold is someone's first

instinct when they are buying for all of the reasons they're buying gold right now, and silver usually lags somewhat," he said. Silver, which has a greater use for industries than gold, is rising alongside other industrial metals like platinum and copper. □

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By: Dr. Carlos Viana

Already in October the Christmas shows in the stores were set up to entice you to buy all the ornaments to decorate your home and business. Decorations and figures of a fat, red Santa are available, promising to put anyone in the Holiday Spirits. Medically, when I take a look at the store Santa figure, with his large rotund belly and red face that sports a bulbous nose I see many signs of heart attack candidate. Not that Santa Claus could have heart problems, not allowed.

As cute as round Santa seems to be, most people want to enter the Holiday Season looking fit and trim. In the next two months many people, especially women, are going to pay good money to join commercial weight loss programs in hopes of dropping a size or two. Unfortunately, people tend to regain the weight they lost following a program because once it's finished, they return to their normal eating habits. Furthermore, the body is always trying to fend off what it perceives to be starvation, and losing weight triggers hormone changes that make it difficult to keep shedding pounds.

In the last eleven years in our grass- roots clinic we have seen all kinds of lose weight schemes. This year I have listed all the erroneous beliefs that I have heard from our patients.

1. "Lose 30 pounds

in 30 days." Any commercial weight loss programs or any other gimmick that pledges massive weight loss quickly is certainly not healthy, and not true. Permanent weight loss requires lifestyle change, not a quick fix. Loosing weight very fast usually means dehydrating your body and loosing muscle.

2. Lose weight by not eating. Without question the worse way to try to loose weight. Starving deprives the body of the nutrients it needs for life and can lead to serious illness. Plus you lose muscle mass, not fat. Even if you do lose pounds, you gain them back almost immediately when you start eating again.

3. Carbohydrates are bad for you. First it was fat, now carbohydrates are the bad guy. Insulin, stimulated by the excess simple carbohydrates in our overabundant consumption of grains, starches and sweets, together with sedentary lifestyles is responsible for all those bulging stomachs, fat thighs and chins. However there are healthy complex carbohydrates, such as vegetables, whole brown rice and quinoa, which provide vital vitamins, and fiber to aid digestion.

4. Fat is bad for you. Your brain is eighty percent fat; not fat you want to loose. Some fats like trans-fats found in processed foods and sweets are unhealthy, but many called essential fatty acids are good and necessary

for your health. Your body is not going to be able to make your hormones without these fats.

5. Drinking Diet sodas help you loose weight. There's not one study that shows diet sodas help you lose weight. Meanwhile while you are drinking your liquid candy you are consuming chemicals that have shown to cause cancer.

6. Salad bars are healthy. Lunch meats with chemical salts, cheeses, oily dressings are not healthy choices. You have to choose foods at a salad bar wisely to loose weight. Meanwhile, "Iceberg" lettuce has absolutely no nutritional value.

7. Don't eat after 6 p.m. Europeans eat at 10 o'clock at night and they're half the size of Americans and Arubans. It is not what time you eat, it's what you eat and staying active for at least three hours after you eat. The worse eating habit here in Aruba after a night of drinking is to eat a late snack at a food truck and then home to bed.

8. Check your weight on a scale daily to check your progress. Checking your weight on a regular basis is an obvious way to gauge your progress and alter your diet accordingly; however, that scale tells you very little. I encourage patients to keep track of hip, thigh and stomach tummy centimeters and dress sizes that are much

more enlightening.

9. To lose weight take a pill or have an operation to have your stomach made smaller. Wow, your insurance company may even pay some of these. You cannot replace healthy eating, exercise and lifestyle choices with a pill or operation. Drugs are not new, they have been tried for many years and both drugs and operations can be dangerous and have horrible side effects. A better choice includes natural dietary supplements which can safely balance nutritional deficiencies, aid in managing unhealthy eating, support restful sleep and increase energy.

10. You have to join the gym. Actually, 30 to 60 minutes per day of moderate physical activity is all it takes to balance healthy food intake. It does not have to be strenuous exercise, just move your body by gardening, walking, swimming, SCUBA diving, flying, dancing or having sex; just get off the couch.

Get The Point! That majority of Americans and Arubans are overweight, and an alarming number are clinically obese. In countries addicted to convenient processed foods this obesity is no coincidence. It is not the fat in the foods we eat but, far more, the excess simple carbohydrates from our starch and sugar loaded diets. These nutritionally deficient diets not only contribute to increased weight but lead



to a whole host of health problems. Want to enter the Holiday Season being fit and trim? That belly might look cute on Santa, but on you it is a major health risk. Call to make an appointment for a professional, safe, sensible weight loss program.

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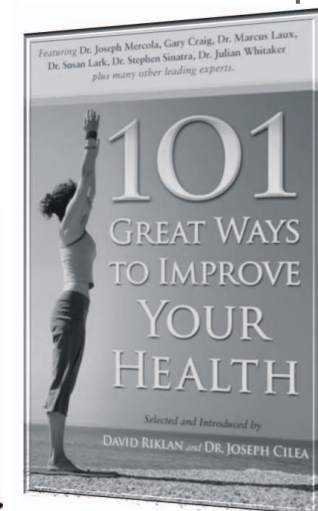
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Sex, drugs more common in hyper-texting teens

By **MIKE STOBBE**,
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA – Teens who text 120 times a day or more — and there seems to be a lot of them — are more likely to have had sex or used alcohol and drugs than kids who don't send as many messages, according to provocative new research. The study's authors aren't suggesting that "hyper-texting" leads to sex, drinking or drugs, but say it's startling to see an apparent link between excessive messaging and that kind of risky behavior. The study concludes that a significant number of teens are very susceptible to peer pressure and also have permissive or absent parents, said Dr. Scott Frank, the study's lead author. "If parents are monitoring their kids' texting and social networking, they're probably monitoring other activities as well," said Frank, an associate professor of epidemiology and biostatistics at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. Frank was scheduled to present the study Tuesday at a meeting of the American Public Health Association in Denver. The study was done at 20 public high schools in the Cleveland area last year, and is based on confidential paper surveys of more than 4,200 students. It found that about one in five students were hyper-texters and about one in nine are hyper-networkers — those who spend three or more hours

a day on Facebook and other social networking websites. About one in 25 fall into both categories. Hyper-texting and hyper-networking were more common among girls, minorities, kids whose parents have less education and students from a single-mother household, the study found. Frank's study is billed as one of the first studies to look at texting and social networking and whether they are linked to actual sexual intercourse or to other risky behaviors. "This study demonstrates that it's a legitimate question to explore," said Douglas Gentile, who runs the Media Research Lab at Iowa State University. The study found those who text at least 120 times a day are nearly three-and-a-half times more likely to have had sex than their peers who don't text that much. Hyper-texters were also more likely to have been in a physical fight, binge drink, use illegal drugs or take medication without a prescription. Compared to the heavy texters, the hyper-networkers were not as likely to have had sex, but more likely to have been involved in other risky behaviors like drinking or fighting. A Kaiser Family Foundation study found that about half of children ages 8 to 18 send text messages on a cell phone in a typical day. The texters estimated they average 118 texts per day. That study also found that



A girl uses a phone to send a text message. Market tracker Nielsen Co. on Thursday released a study confirming what many US parents already knew: teens love to use mobile phones to swap text messages.

only 14 percent of kids said their parents set rules limiting texting. Other studies have tied teen texting to risky or lewd behavior. A Pew Research Center study found that about one-third of 16- and 17-year-olds send texts while driving. And an Associated Press-MTV poll found that about one-quarter of teenagers have "sexted" — shared sexually explicit photos, videos and chat by cell phone or online. The latest survey did not ask what students texted or what they discussed on social networks. One suburban Cleveland student said her texts involve non-sexual small talk with friends, homework assignments and student council bake sales. "I text with my mother about what time I need picked up," said Tiara Freeman-Sargeant, a 14-year-old Shaker Heights

High School freshman. She said she sends and receives about 250 texts a day. Talking on the phone just isn't appealing to some teens, said her classmate, Ivanna Storms-Thompson. "Your arm gets tired, your ear gets sweaty," said Ivanna, who also doesn't like the awkward silences. Like her friend, Ivanna said she mostly gets A's. Whether kids who text do well in school or behave in a crazy, risky way is coincidental, she said. "It depends on who you're talking to and whether they have their priorities straight," she said. □

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Scientists: Beak deformities increase in Northwest

By DAN JOLING,
Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Scientists have observed the highest rate of beak abnormalities ever recorded in wild bird populations in Alaska and the Northwest, a study by two federal scientists said.

The U.S. Geological Survey study on beak deformities in northwestern crows in Alaska, Washington and British Columbia follows a trend found earlier in Alaska's black-capped chickadees.

"The prevalence of these strange deformities is more than 10 times what is normally expected in a wild bird population," said research biologist Colleen Handel.

Handel and wildlife biologist Caroline Van Hemert published their findings in *The Auk*, a Quarterly Journal of Ornithology. They captured Alaska crows in six coastal locations and used documented reports and photographs for birds elsewhere.

The cause of the deformity — called "avian keratin disorder" — hasn't been determined, Handel said. An estimated 17 percent of adult northwestern crows are

affected by the disorder in coastal Alaska.

The keratin layer of the beak becomes overgrown, resulting in elongated and often crossed beaks. The deformity showed up in adults birds, most often in the upper beak but sometimes in the lower beak or both.

The abnormality sometimes is accompanied by elongated claws, abnormal skin or variations in feather color.

Van Hemert said the disorder first was noticed in significant numbers around 1999. It has increased dramatically over the past decade, affecting 6.5 percent of adult black-capped chickadees in Alaska annually.

Biologists have documented more than 2,100 affected individuals and increasing numbers of other species, such as nuthatches and woodpeckers, have been spotted with beak deformities.

Both chickadees and northwestern crows live year-round in Alaska with generally restricted seasonal movements between wintering and breeding areas, but do not forage in the same areas, the researchers said.

"They're eating different things, they live in different habitat — crows are mostly

intertidal, chickadees tend to be in birch forests — they're kind of occurring in different parts of their habitats and ecosystems and they're still affected by what seems to be the same problem," Van Hemert said.

The scientists said beak deformities can be caused by environmental contaminants, nutritional deficiencies, and bacterial, viral, fungal or parasitic infections.

In the past, large clusters of beak deformities have been associated with environmental pollutants such as organochlorines in the Great Lakes region and selenium from agricultural runoff in California.

The deformities affect birds' ability to feed, Van Hemert said, though many birds appear to cope by relying on food provided by humans at feeders rather than foraging. Deformed beaks also can prevent adequate preening, she said, leaving feathers matted, dirty and without insulating value needed to survive the cold.

The increasing occurrence of deformities in multiple bird species with broad geographic distribution suggests that avian keratin disorder is spreading, they said. □



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Illegal tiger trade kills 1,000 in a decade: study

LONDON — More than 1,000 tigers have been killed in the past decade to fuel the illegal trade in parts of the endangered big cats, a report by a wildlife monitoring group said Tuesday.

India, China and Nepal ranked highest in the number of seizures of tiger parts but the trade has spiked recently in Southeast Asian nations, British-based Traffic International said.

Complete skins, skeletons, claws, skulls and penises were among the most common items seized, while officials had also found whole animals -- both live and dead, it added. "With parts of potentially more than 100 wild tigers actually seized each year, one can only speculate what the true numbers of animals are being plundered," said Pauline Verheij, one of the

authors of the report.

From January 2000 to April 2010 parts of between 1,069 and 1,220 tigers were seized in 11 of the 13 countries where tigers live in the wild, the report said.

India, home to half the world's tigers, had by far the highest number of seizures of tiger parts. The 276 raids uncovered parts from 533 tigers.

China had the second highest with 40 raids, followed by Nepal on 39.

But the report said there was a growing number of parts seized in Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam. Myanmar's borders with India and China were a major hotspot, as were the Malaysia-Thailand frontier and the Russia-China border. Tiger parts are used in many cultures for decoration, traditional medicines and good luck charms.

Mike Baltzer, leader of the environmental group WWF, said the report "demonstrates that illegal tiger trade continues despite considerable and repeated efforts to curtail it by many governments and organisations."

The WWF warned last month that tigers could become extinct within 12 years, with the number of the big cats worldwide plunging 97 percent from its peak to around just 3,200 today.

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Estadounidense Lori Berenson queda en libertad

LIMA (AP) - La estadounidense Lori Berenson salió el lunes de la cárcel para cumplir en libertad condicional los cinco años que le restan de una condena de 20 años por colaboración con el terrorismo. Berenson, de 40 años fue liberada luego que el viernes la jueza Jessica León del Primer Juzgado Supraprovincial falló nuevamente a favor de concederle la libertad condicional. Su salida del Penal de Mujeres de Santa Mónica no fue captada por la prensa, pero sí fue observada su llegada al departamento donde residirá en el distrito residencial de Miraflores. La acompañaba su abogado y esposo Aníbal Apari. "No voy a dar declaraciones en este momento", repitió Berenson insistentemente



La estadounidense Lori Berenson no quiso dar declaraciones a la prensa, luego de ser liberada de una prisión en Lima, Perú, el 8 de noviembre del 2010. (Foto AP)

a la prensa que pugnaba por obtener un comentario. Horas antes, el hijo de la estadounidense, Salvador, de 18 meses de edad, había abandonado la cárcel donde permanecía con su madre, en brazos de Rhoda Berenson, su abuela materna. Berenson ya había salido de la cárcel el 27 de mayo tras cumplir casi 15 años de prisión, cuando León le otorgó el beneficio de la libertad condicional. Sin embargo, ante una

apelación del procurador antiterrorismo Julio Galindo, una sala superior anuló el fallo aduciendo la existencia de un error técnico. Berenson retornó a prisión el 18 de agosto. Apari dijo en declaraciones a radio CPN que, tras su excarcelación, Berenson estaba "tratando de adecuarse nuevamente, organizando sus cosas" en su departamento. Señaló que se dedicará a trabajar y a estudiar como lo estaba haciendo cuando tuvo que volver a prisión. Pero los problemas legales de Berenson no están del todo solucionados. La ex estudiante del Instituto de Tecnología de Massachusetts (MIT) debe permanecer en Perú hasta que termine de cumplir su sentencia, a menos que el presidente Alan García decida conmutarle la pena. □

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